

Royal Redeemer CGS Community Discussion Guide

Based on the Sermon for Jan 19&20, 2019

Jesus: Upside Down

(For use as an opening Devotion, use
only the highlighted portion)



- **Begin by sharing a high and/or a low from your week**
- **Connect**
 - Share a time when you served someone, and how you felt afterwards.
- **Grow** (read the following aloud and listen for words or phrases that speak into your life now)

Matthew 20:18-20, 24-28 (NIV)

¹⁸“We are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the teachers of the law. They will condemn him to death ¹⁹ and will hand him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and flogged and crucified. On the third day he will be raised to life!”

²⁰ Then the mother of Zebedee’s sons came to Jesus with her sons and, kneeling down, asked a favor of him. . . ²⁴ When the ten heard about this, they were indignant with the two brothers.

²⁵ Jesus called them together and said, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. ²⁶ Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, ²⁷ and whoever wants to be first must be your slave— ²⁸ just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

- Share any words or phrases that speak into your life today.
 - Do you think that the mother of James and John understood what Jesus had just said about what would happen to Him in Jerusalem? Why do you say that?
 - Why do you think that the other disciples were indignant (angry or annoyed) with James and John?
 - Jesus was about to model what it meant to be a servant by being crucified, why was it so much more than simply modeling servant behavior?
- **Serve**
 - Who might God want you to share this truth with?
 - **End with Prayer and the Lord's Prayer**