

SERVICE (1)

TO BE SERVED OR TO SERVE?

TO BE SERVED

1. **Read Genesis 3:1-6.** *What incentives tempted the fall of humankind in Genesis 3:1-6? Which was the most significant? What has been the tendency of human-beings ever since? How is this shown today?*

2. **Read Mark 10:32-45.** *What lies behind the request of James and John in v37? Why does Mark record it after vv32-34? Who are James and John seeking to serve? What effect does their request have on the other disciples (v41)? Why?*

3. *What is Jesus describing in v42? And what is he teaching about it (v43a)? What is greatness according to Jesus? Why is this strange to us?*

TO SERVE

4. *What makes someone great, according to v43b? And what would make someone greater than everyone else, according to v44? Why?*

5. *Why might v45 be regarded as the summary verse of Mark's Gospel? What does it suggest about Mark's Gospel? Where, according to Jesus, is true status to be found - in being served, or in serving? Does our world recognize this?*

6. *What contrast is being drawn in v45? What is taught about Jesus' service? What does this teach us about true service?*

APPLICATION

7. *What will we be always tempted to do in our Christian 'service'? But what should we truly do? And what will genuine service always require of us?*

8. *What spiritual checklist should we now apply to our areas of Christian service?*