

## DISCUSSION IDEAS

# HERO SERVANT

Mark 10:32-52

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### ♦ DISCUSSION POINT ONE: OUR HERO.

First read Mark 10:32-34.

Jesus knew exactly what He was going to have to suffer.

But He did it anyway!

Look at v. 32: Is there any indication that Jesus was hesitant?

What were the feelings of His followers?

Look at the specific things He said would happen to Himself.

Remember, it is true that Jesus is God, but He is completely human also. What must that mean related to our natural aversion to pain?

Compare Luke 22:42-44.

Read Isa. 50:5-7. Discuss this fulfilled prophesy.

### ♦ DISCUSSION POINT TWO: IMPORTANCE OF JESUS' REAL DEATH AND REAL RESURRECTION.

List and discuss the importance of each detail of the "Gospel" as stated in 1 Cor. 15:3-5.

Why is each specific item here a vital truth?

Be aware that there have been "Christian" leaders who taught that some of these statements were not literally true.

In 1 Cor. 15:12-24, what is the significance of the truth that Jesus really did return to life?

Think of what this truth implies:

How does this help you answer why you believe that the Bible is true and that it is God's Word?

How does the reality of Jesus' resurrection apply to the possibility of life after death?

To what does Christ being the "firstfruits" in v. 23 refer? What are the second fruits?

What does His physical resurrection have to do with forgiveness of sin and reconciliation with God?

### ♦ DISCUSSION POINT THREE: "I de BOSS!!!".

Years ago a three year old child of Judy's nephew had a miniature horse. An obstinate miniature horse. The horse refused to move, so, nose-to-nose with the horse, she said, "I de BOSS!!!".

Funny? Yes, but....

How often do we believers still crave a title?

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Read the story in Mark 10: 35-45, and discuss the comparison of vv. 43-45 with Matt. 23:8-12.

With this as our benchmark, what are our lives to look like?

If having a servant's heart is not normal for me, how do I develop one?

♦ **CHALLENGE:**

Jesus knew exactly what He was going to have to suffer.

But He did it anyway!

Many of our brothers in Christ in other countries know that they will probably lose their lives and even be tortured for turning to Jesus, but they trust Him anyway.

How complacent have we become in our safe USA culture?

What if God gave me two choices:

1. Endure a painful illness and death so that one other person would come to believe in Him, or
2. Live a comfortable life until I am 90?

How might truly loving and serving someone else influence them to consider Jesus?

To a "hardcase" non-believer, what speaks louder, words, or actions?

♦ **PRAYER:**

Pray for our individual relationships and our witness to those in our lives.

Let's continue to pray for the Lord's love and power to be continually shown in Baranganon Island, as well as at Shelter Valley.