



SEMILLA

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-CELL GROUP-

Matthew 20:17-28

"THE SON OF MAN"

- 1) Is made King (v.17-19)
- 2) Is Misunderstood (v.20-21)
- 3) Calls us all (v. 22 -23)
- 4) Leaves us a model (versos 24-28)

**Objective:** Compare our concept of "greatness" with the example and teaching of Jesus in these verses.

**Icebreaker:** What were your parents' expectations of you when you were an adult? Do you feel that you have met their expectations?

To start:

**Para Comenzar:**

1. Let's review the memory verse Ephesians 2:7
  
2. Let's briefly share some of our notes and/or our reflections derived from this weekend's teaching on Matthew 20:17-28.

**To Observe a little and think a little:**

1. Let's read verses 17 to 28 to discuss why do you think Jesus predicts his death once again right at that moment?

2. What was the concept of the "kingdom of God" that Zebedee's children had in light of their mother's request to Jesus? Let's read verses 20 and 21 in various versions before we share our thoughts.
3. According to verses 22 and 23, what are Jesus' disciples called to share with Jesus in order to participate in the kingdom of God?
4. As we read verses 24 to 28 let's make two lists: one about the characteristics of the kingdoms of this world and the other about the characteristics of the kingdom of God. (The moderator takes notes and at the end reads both lists to the group)

**To reflect:**

1. Have you had to die to something lately in order to see the kingdom of God advance in you?
2. What are the main differences between your concept of "reigning" (directing, leading, influencing, etc.) and Jesus' concept?
3. What role does suffering for the sake of Jesus play in your experience serving God: Do you avoid it, condition it, face it, embrace it with faith and love, other?
4. Is there anything you could get involved in to make the kingdom of God more palpable in SEMILLA (your church)?

**Let's have a time of prayer.**

**Verses to memorize Matthew**

1. - **SENSEI Level: Matthew 20:25-28**
2. - **Level "Mere mortal" Matthew 20:28.**

*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."*