

“The Greatest . . .”

Have you ever felt better than another person at something? Please share.

Read Matthew 20:20-28.

1. What was the request of Mrs. Zebedee from Jesus?
 - A. “I’m hungry, please give me some food.”
 - B. “Can you please help my demon possessed boys?”
 - C. “May I follow you as my children do?”
 - D. “May I have some money for my taxes?”
 - E. “Can one of my sons sit on either side of you in your kingdom?”
 - F. “Can I have some of your support for my own fame?”
 - G. “Are you able to make me clean?”
 - H. “Please, have mercy on me.”
 - I. “Can you reveal to me all the ambitious mothers like me?”
 - J. Other.

2. What was Jesus’ response?
 - A. “Woman, please remove yourself from me!”
 - B. “You don’t even know what you are asking.”
 - C. “I don’t need to have people who are silly talking to me.”
 - D. “Are your sons able to drink of the cup I drink of?”
 - E. “Can you tell me why you are so selfish?”
 - F. “Are your sons able to be baptized with my baptism?”
 - G. “Please take your sons and I will choose others to follow me.”
 - H. “You shall be judged for this and punished for your request.”
 - I. Other.

3. What was Jesus’ ultimate answer to Mrs. Zebedee and her sons?
 - A. “I can offer you something greater.”
 - B. “I am able to put you in a place of greatness.”
 - C. “To sit on my right or my left is up to my Father.”
 - D. “Be still and know that I am God.”
 - E. “If you can do the river dance, I will grant your request.”
 - F. “I am so sick of you, and your selfish sons.”
 - G. “Be sure, the Romans will persecute you along with these boys.”
 - H. “If you had the right attitude, I would certainly grant your request.”
 - I. Other.

4. What happened as a result of this request among the disciples?
 - A. They were very pleased with them.
 - B. They threw a party for the newly minted “regal brothers.”
 - C. They were angry with these two brothers.
 - D. The disciples decided to stone them.
 - E. There was an even greater crowd following them.
 - F. The Romans were jealous of their new positions of authority.
 - G. Everyone looked at them as being so humble and meek.
 - H. Other.

5. What did Jesus do when He saw the reaction of the 10 disciples?
 - A. He called them all to Him and chastised them.
 - B. Jesus warned them of not having strong ambition like the others.
 - C. He told them they should not have dominion over each other.
 - D. He said, “Who is greatest among you let him be your servant.”
 - E. Jesus carried them away and gave them the Holy Spirit.
 - F. Jesus offered them a sure ticket into heaven.
 - G. Jesus told them that they would be persecuted because of Him.
 - H. He told them, “Be healed of your anger against each other.”
 - I. Other.

6. What did Jesus say about His own life’s ambition?
 - A. “I am already great, and no one is greater.”
 - B. “There is just one more above me: My Father.”
 - C. “The Son of Man came to minister.”
 - D. “The servant is greater than his master.”
 - E. “I’m the greatest, let us all celebrate me!”
 - F. “The power of my life is in being a servant.”
 - G. “I came to give my life as a ransom for many.”
 - H. “I don’t have any ambition, please don’t follow me.”
 - I. Other.

7. When are you most tempted toward an inflated view of yourself?

8. Would Jesus be comfortable with all of your personal ambitions?