

Transition:

Jesus' ministry has lasted just over three years. He is now on His way to Jerusalem to be betrayed, killed and resurrected as He foretold. But even while traveling, He is still teaching! Like any parent, the mother of John and James wants the best for her sons – but probably gets a response she didn't plan for.

Tell the story:

Tell the story (with passion!) Do the best you can, don't stop and teach, try not to make points, just tell the story. Perhaps leave some parts out or make a mistake, just to see if your group catches it!

Rebuild the story:

Chronologically rebuild the story by asking questions. Have the group look for what was added or left out by looking in their Bibles and going back over the story. Then have someone else tell the story the best they can – just like you modeled the first time.

Discussion Questions:

1. Was the mother's request a valid one?
2. What was the baptism Jesus was referring to?
3. Why would the other disciples be indignant?

Fundamental:

Humility –God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble. The Greek word for servant/minister = di-o-ko-nos which is translated as deacon, waiter, and minister. Our flesh always wants to be exalted, but Jesus always rebukes that. As Disciples, we ought to always be marked by humility and service.

1. Was is the root of pride? Do we ever have a reason to be proud?
2. How did Jesus display humility and strength?

Homework/Challenge:

1. Ask God to reveal any areas of pride in your life and repent of it.
2. Please read Matthew 21 in preparation for next week.

Discipleship Tip:

The best way to stay humble is to serve; do something no one else wants to do, be the first to volunteer.

Prayer:

Pray and rejoice that your name is written in the Book of Life.

Extras:

Humility by Andrew Murray