



WAYS TO DESTROY A RELATIONSHIP

SERMON OUTLINE

Sunday February 21st, 2016

PASTOR DAVID COOKE - Make Sure You Look Good Above Doing Good
Mark 10:35-45

- **Everything rises and falls on relationship.**
 - A. The Importance of Relationships
 - B. Reading Plan
 - Start the 28-day Bible reading plan - *40 Days of Love* by Rick Warren
- **The Struggle To Do Good Above Looking Good**
- **We Want To Look Good**
 - Because if we look good then we believe people will like us and they will respect us
- **James and John**
Mark 10:35-45



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- **Looking For The Glory**

- A. The Loaded Question
- B. The Wise Response
- C. Getting To The Top

- **What Greatness Costs**

- **What Self Promotion Does To Others**

- Self promotion leads to _____ .

- **Looking Good...**

- ...is about _____
- ...is temporary and external

- **Doing Good...**

- ...is about _____
- ...is _____ and internal



- **Doing Good Above Looking Good**

- Prepare to be _____
- Prepare to _____
 - If you haven't sacrificed, you haven't loved.
- Prepare to _____

Jesus has many who love his kingdom in heaven, but few who bear his cross. He has many who desire comfort, but few who desire suffering. He finds many to share his feast, but few his fasting. All desire to rejoice with him, but few are willing to suffer for his sake. Many follow Jesus to the breaking of bread, but few to the drinking of the cup of his passion. Many admire his miracles, but few follow him in the humiliation of the cross.
Thomas à Kempis, *The Imitation of Christ*

- Prepare to be _____
- Prepare to be _____

- **Doing Good Together**

- People are free to choose doing good over looking good where there is _____

**OUR RELATIONSHIP WILL THRIVE WHEN
I PUT YOU BEFORE ME.**

ANSWERS: *relational separation, appearances, character, eternal, humble, sacrifice, suffer, misunderstood, loved, grace*



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Getting Started

Over the next 5 weeks we will look at what the Bible has to say about how we do relationship. Being Word and Prayer centered is one of our values at Cold Springs. The Bible is what God's voice sounds like. A follower of Jesus knows God's voice through regular, consistent time reading the Bible and engaging in prayer. Join us as we read through "40 Days of Love" - a 28 day devotional available for free at www.bible.com.

Read Mark 10:35-45

1. Why do you think James and John asked for what they did? How was it okay, or not okay, for them to have asked it?
2. What is wise about Jesus' response? Why doesn't he say "yes" or "no"?
3. How did the other disciples react to the question James and John asked? What impact did the question have on their relationship with each other?
4. Jesus uses this opportunity to teach his disciples by comparing and contrasting. What example does Jesus use to communicate what we are not to do? What we are to do?
5. Jesus teaches that relationships thrive when we put others before ourselves. Does that mean we shouldn't care about ourselves? When you think about the best servants you know, are they some of the strongest people or the weakest people? What makes them so?

Putting it into Action

6. Who has God called you to serve? What do you need to do to serve that person this week?

