## **More Than Hearing Worksheet**

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Text Mark 10:35-45

35 James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." 36 And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" 37 And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." 38 But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" 39 They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; 40 but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

41 When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. 42 So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. 43 But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, 44 and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. 45 For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

Word - I, Eye - S, Math - I, Body - I, Nature - I, People - B, Self - I

Smarts	Images in the text/ interesting exegesis	Illustrations	SFX
Word - Verbal/Linguistic MWD		Vs. 38 - Jesus' use of metaphor here seems oddly indirect for the situation, especially knowing how dense the disciples have been about his mission and passion.  "And by I mean" jokes? Jesus might have said, "Can you have the ice cream with sprinkles that I'm having? And by ice cream with sprinkles I mean torturous, painful, humiliating death."  • What goes on in our modern heads when we	

Eye - Visual/Spatial  MWD	hear Jesus say to be great we must be the slave of all? Do we warp the meaning of slave? Or do we decide not to be great? See also SELF	Who is on Jesus' <u>left and</u> right in art?
Math - Logical/Mathematical  D2	Vs. 45 - Here's a link to an article by Stephen D.  Morrison that summarizes seven different theories of the atonement, including the Ransom Theory.  I'm putting it in MATH for the logical explorations of atonement, but it is dripping with PEOPLE smart, too.	
	"But what if Jesus is saving us from ourselves? What if Jesus is ransoming us from the future we think we want, from the baptism and cup James and John believe they need, from the glory they/we misunderstand, from the life we've been urged to strive after but ultimately is not abundant life, from viewing companions and competitors and fellow children of God as threats?"  ~ David Lose,in the Meantime	
Body - Kinesthetic  MWD	Vs. 38 - The <u>use of wine</u> in Roman military - fortification for the battle	
	ahead, perhaps.	
Musical		
Natural	Consider the struggles in	

D2	packs for Alpha dominance or hierarchy. Wolves, bighorn sheep, monkeys and apes and more will have internal power struggles and physical confrontations to determine who is at the top of the ladder for social and reproductive privileges. Are we much different? Can we, with our frontal lobes, overcome such natural forces? Here are some summaries of scientific papers on linear and nonlinear hierarchical dominance. Here is another scientific study summary. Here is an article at Slate about social justice in animal hierarchical groups.	
People - Interpersonal MWD	Vs. 37 - James and John are like the kids asking the parent, "Which one of us is your favorite? It's me, right?" The wise parent knows to dodge that bullet!  Vs. 42 - Jesus' response to the 12 is on target and largely ignored in election season.	Vs. 42-43 - If you can find such (and I bet you can this season), play several positive political ads (from both parties) where the candidate makes claims to be a servant of the people. Then play some negative ads (from both parties) showing the anti-candidate as an oppressor of the people. What is reality? What is YOUR reality? What sort of ads would someone make about you?
Self - Intrapersonal D2	The Alchemy of Suffering, Suzanne Guthrie, At the Edge of the Enclosure - an essay about the holiness of suffering especially when we recognize it in others and in God.	