



## Week Three | Mama's Boys | 10.10-11.2020

**Grow Deep Conversation Questions:** Use these questions to help you process the message in your personal time of study or with your group. Time suggestions are based on a 90-minute group gathering.

**Message Recap:** Life is not fair, and it was never promised to be so, but that doesn't mean we like it or are okay with it. But what Jesus shows us is that it is much better for us if this life is not fair. We want "good enough" to be good enough, but because of God's goodness, we get to put our trust in Jesus and hope in an eternal life that is far greater than anything we could even imagine.

### » Opening

(2-3 minutes)

- Introductions - this is especially important if this is your first meeting and if there are new members
- Housekeeping - clarify expectations
  - **Announcements:** These are in your Community News email. **Please read and communicate! Encourage participation!**
  - Remind your group that this is a confidential meeting
  - **Remember, there may be many thoughts and views. Please remain kind and respectful during conversations.**
- Pray - open your time together in prayer

### » Introduction

(12 minutes)

- Ice-Breaker: When did you not get the credit you deserved?
- Digging Deeper: Did it bother you? How did you handle this situation?

### » Observation | Read Matthew 20:20-28

(12 minutes)

- What are your initial reactions to this passage? What do you find challenging? Are you encouraged by any of these verses? Why?

### » Key Principle | We have to surrender credit to gain impact.

(12 minutes)

- This is a countercultural idea. Share a time when you watched someone surrender the credit they deserved. What was the impact they were able to have?

### » Seeking Status is Dangerous | Reference Matthew 20:20-21

(12 minutes)

- The mother in this passage is seeking the good of her boys, but it isn't healthy for them. Is there a time in your life where that has happened to you?

### » Obedience in Painful | Reference Matthew 20:22-23

(12 minutes)

- They want to have a certain status based on their work, but Jesus is more interested in their obedience. How do you maintain the priority of your obedience over your status?

### » Authority isn't Influence | Reference Matthew 20:24-28

(12 minutes)

- How can you live and lead in ways that uniquely show people you are a follower of Jesus?

### » Next Steps and Prayer |

(15 minutes)

- Where are you seeking credit over impact? What impact could you have if you surrendered that credit?
- Close by praying for each other as you spend time considering what your motivations are when seeking credit.