

*Matthew 20:20-28*

God's justice is the righteous use of power according to his standard.

1. Ambition

Ambition is the desire to achieve or accomplish.

*Matthew 20:17-19*

2. Allegiance

Allegiance is loyalty or devotion to a person, group, or cause.

3. Authority

Authority is having the power or the right to control, command, or determine.

*Matthew 28:18-20*

What is our ambition?

Where is our allegiance?

How can we use the authority we have to bring about God's kingdom?

## Small Group Outline & Discussion Questions

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### Celebrate and Care:

Have each person share a high and low from this past week.

### Review:

God's justice is greater than my judgment.

### Open Up:

Do you prefer to judge America's Got Talent, the quality of good food, or whether or not something is fake news?

### Discuss:

*Choose one or two questions for your group to discuss as time allows.*

- ▶ Read Matthew 20:20-28.
  - What does it look like to be a servant in today's world?
  - What does it not look like?
- ▶ How can we have discussions with people who may have a different perspective without it leading to division?
- ▶ What other ambitions, besides kingdom ambitions, rival for our allegiance?

### Engage:

*Spend 1-2 minutes in silence with these questions then share your thoughts.*

"Only God can transform a human heart." What in my life does Jesus want to transform?

What adjustments do I need to make for my judgment to align with God's justice?

### Pray:

*Ask God to help the church lead well in this season by serving and loving like Jesus.*