



## WEEK 4 (October 4, 2015)

### INTRODUCTION

**mission** | noun | mis-sion | 'miSHən| - "An important assignment carried out for political, religious, or commercial purposes, typically involving travel." What is the mission of the church? Why did Jesus start this thing called the church? Join us on Sundays as we examine how to carry out the purpose God has given us. It is doable. It is possible. It includes us all.

**NOTE:** This study requires a six-minute video (see question 4) that is easily accessed online via a computer or a streaming device (such as Roku or Apple TV). Make sure you have it set up and ready to go before the discussion.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What is the best thing someone has ever done for you that required at least a considerable investment of time on their part?
2. Read Mark 10:35-45. How did Jesus respond to the conflict between James, John, and the other disciples in verse 41?
3. Jesus said that whoever wants to be a *leader* must be a servant, and whoever wants to be *first* (or most significant) should be a slave. How does that mindset compare to how our world usually works?
4. As a group, watch the story of the Dennehy family online at [vimeo.com/60221183](http://vimeo.com/60221183). People told the parents that serving and adopting kids with special needs would "ruin" their family. What do you think choosing the path they did cost the Dennehy family? What do you think they gained?
5. How might God be leading you to "ruin" your normal way of doing life so that you can serve others in a significant way?

"But among you it will be different. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first among you must be the slave of everyone else. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many."

**-Jesus in Mark 10:43-45**

## *READ THE BIBLE WITH US!*

In 2015, we are encouraging everyone to read through the entire Bible! To help you with that, you will find the suggested daily passages listed here each Sunday throughout 2015. There are also several similar plans online at [www.Bible.com](http://www.Bible.com). After each day's reading, answer these questions in your mind or preferably, in a journal. Question: What one thing from today's reading sticks out the most? What might God be trying to communicate to me as a result?

October 4: Isaiah 29-30; Ephesians 6

October 5: Isaiah 31-33; Philippians 1

October 6: Isaiah 34-36; Philippians 2

October 7: Isaiah 37-38; Philippians 3

October 8: Isaiah 39-40; Philippians 4

October 9: Isaiah 41-42; Colossians 1

October 10: Isaiah 43-44; Colossians 2

October 11: Isaiah 45-47; Colossians 3