**100 Days with Jesus**

**Study No. 12 Matthew 20:20-28**

**Introduction**

Jesus chose twelve disciples: these were to be his main men. He prayed over them and gave them extra teaching and training. These were the ones he invested himself in and on whom he was to depend. At the end of his time on earth he entrusted his whole mission to them. Twelve special men, the great ones, the faithful ones. One for each of the Old Testament tribes so forming the New Israel. So special in fact that today we see them in our stained glass windows and remember their names.

In actual fact one of them betrayed Jesus, another one denied him three times whilst a third lost all faith in him. And here are two of his inner-core of three completely eaten up by ego and power lust. Not only that, they are hiding it behind their mother’s skirt! James and John are supposed to be the Sons of Thunder!

**Questions**

Read Matthew 20:20-28

1. What is the best thing you have ever been chosen for?
	1. (It could be something at school, a job, a hobby, in fact any area of your life?)
2. What is the significance of it being James and John’s mother who made this request?
3. Most of us like to feel important. Why?
4. When do you find this sort of temptation greatest in your own life?
5. 20:23 – What do you think the phase, ‘drink the cup I am going to drink’ means?
6. 20:24 – What does the response of the other 10 disciples tell us about them?
7. In what areas of your life do you sense God wants you to develop more of a servant heart?
8. If Jesus can choose and use such dysfunctional disciples as these, what encouragement does this give you?

**Key question to finish: Who is God and how do we respond?**

**Prayer**

Lord Jesus

I will never be the perfect disciple

I may never be a very good disciple

But help me, as I follow you

To be the best disciple I can be

Amen.