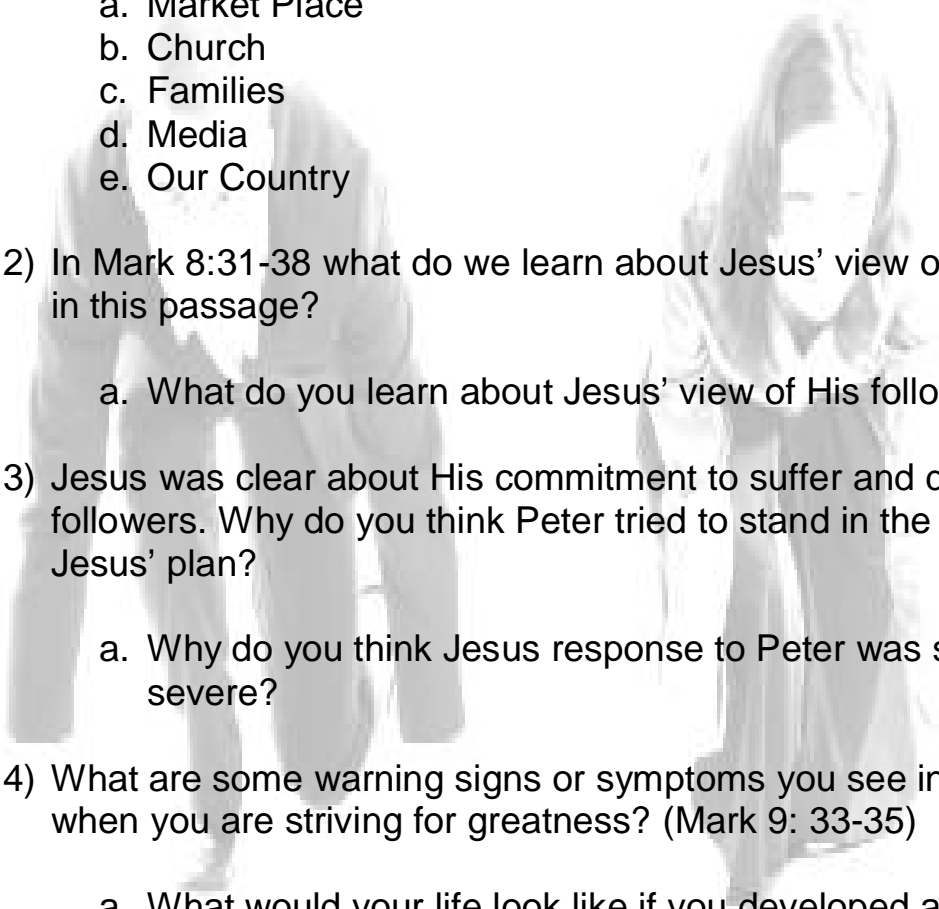
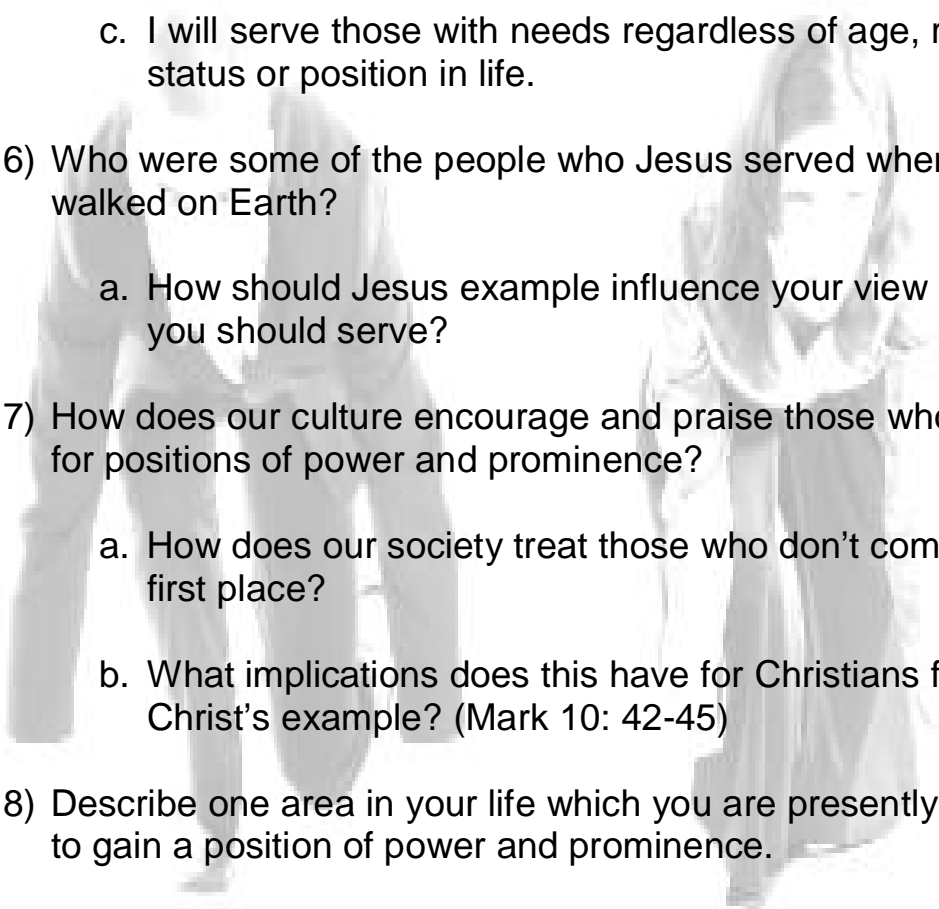


Exposing the “Me First Mind Set”

What is a “Me First” mindset? It’s a mindset that say go ahead, indulge your self, fulfill your desires, satisfy your appetites, pursue pleasure and remove all restraints. As much as we might want to believe that this mindset was “so 80’s” it is alive and well in our post modern society.

- 1) What are some signs that the “Me First” mindset is alive and well in these areas?
 - a. Market Place
 - b. Church
 - c. Families
 - d. Media
 - e. Our Country
 - 2) In Mark 8:31-38 what do we learn about Jesus’ view of Himself in this passage?
 - a. What do you learn about Jesus’ view of His followers?
 - 3) Jesus was clear about His commitment to suffer and die for His followers. Why do you think Peter tried to stand in the way of Jesus’ plan?
 - a. Why do you think Jesus response to Peter was so severe?
 - 4) What are some warning signs or symptoms you see in your life when you are striving for greatness? (Mark 9: 33-35)
 - a. What would your life look like if you developed a greater passion for service?
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- 5) What would our service look like if we approached it with one of the following attitudes? (Mark 10: 13)
- I will serve those who have influence, power or the ability to repay my kindness
 - I will serve those who are like me. People I understand and who I am comfortable with
 - I will serve those with needs regardless of age, race, status or position in life.
- 6) Who were some of the people who Jesus served when he walked on Earth?
- How should Jesus example influence your view of whom you should serve?
- 7) How does our culture encourage and praise those who strive for positions of power and prominence?
- How does our society treat those who don't compete for first place?
 - What implications does this have for Christians following Christ's example? (Mark 10: 42-45)
- 8) Describe one area in your life which you are presently working to gain a position of power and prominence.
- How do these efforts look in light of Christ's teachings on the Me First mind set?