



Message Outline

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Matthew 20:20

Relational Focus

Series: 20:20 A Personal Vision for a New Decade

5 SPIRITUAL SOUNDING SOLUTIONS THAT SURPRISINGLY DON'T GUARANTEE SUCCESSFUL RELATIONSHIPS:

Matthew 20:20-21

- **Highly** devoted
- **Right** attitude
- **Spiritually** dependent
- Scripturally **based**
- Others **focused**

3 PRINCIPLES THAT SHOULD SHAPE EVERY IMPORTANT RELATIONSHIP IN YOUR LIFE:

Matthew 20:22-23

- **Hold on to your** wishes lightly

Takeaway thought: Seek God's will over your wishes

- **Focus on the** process **more than the** prize

Takeaway thought: God cares about your approach more than your ambition

- **Trust your** Father's plan

Takeaway thought: Come to God thinking, "I have a Father rather than "I have a favor"



HomeGroup Questions

Winter Session 2020

Relational Focus – Matthew 20:20

1. As a kid, what did you want to be when you grew up?
2. In today's story, a mother of two adult sons, lobbies on their behalf. What are some of the struggles you faced (with your parents) when you became an adult child? If you have adult children, what are some of the challenges you have now with them?
3. Read Matt 20:20-23. What point(s) stood out for you from the message? Explain.
4. How did you or would you picture this mom before you learned the background about her from the message? Do you see her any differently now?
5. Salome (the mother of James and John) seems to be personalizing Jesus' promise in Matthew 19:28. What can we learn from this account about what we should and shouldn't do in this regard?
6. Doug said, "Seek God's will over your wishes." Does this mean our wishes are not important? Especially with those relationships we care about? What is the right way to think about our deepest hopes and wishes?
7. Explain how focusing on the process more than the prize applies to relationships.
8. How would our prayers be impacted if we came to God, first of all, thinking, "I have a Father," rather than, "I have a favor" ?
9. In what relationship(s), do you need more of a spiritual focus in 2020?

Take time to share prayer requests and pray together.