

# CONVERSATION GUIDE



## DANGEROUS PRAYERS WEEK ONE



### SCRIPTURE MARK 10:35-45

**Ambition of James and John.** <sup>35</sup> Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” <sup>36</sup> He replied, “What do you wish [me] to do for you?” <sup>37</sup> They answered him, “Grant that in your glory we may sit one at your right and the other at your left.” <sup>38</sup> Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Can you drink the cup that I drink or be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?” <sup>39</sup> They said to him, “We can.” Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink, you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; <sup>40</sup> but to sit at my right or at my left is not mine to give but is for those for whom it has been prepared.” <sup>41</sup> When the ten heard this, they became indignant at James and John. <sup>42</sup> Jesus summoned them and said to them, “You know that those who are recognized as rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones make their authority over them felt. <sup>43</sup> But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; <sup>44</sup> whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. <sup>45</sup> For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What is something you struggled with at first but, over time, became proficient or successful? How can you apply those lessons to prayer?
2. When have you prayed a prayer that worked? When have you experienced a prayer not working?
3. What is the difference between a safe prayer and a dangerous prayer?
4. How would you explain to someone why some prayers are effective, and others are not?
5. React to his statement: We would rather our prayers didn't matter that much. If prayer is a nice, safe thing but not dangerous, it doesn't matter if I pray.

### Deeper Dive:

1. What is your dangerous prayer or prayers for this series?
2. Hebrews 10:31 says, “It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.” What are your reactions to that verse?

### From today's message, is there a...

- Scripture to ponder?
- Prayer to pray?
- Action to take?
- Conversation to start?
- Mindset to change?

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