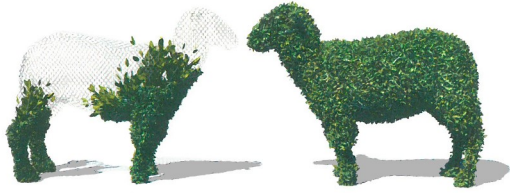


# JESUS SHAPED RELATIONSHIPS



## Jesus speaks to Mothers and Others

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**Matthew 20:20-23**

**Pray for your kids/others. (vs. 20-21a)**

**How to pray for your kids:**

- Salvation. (2 Peter 3:9)
- Character formation. (Galatians 5:22,23; Romans 8:29)
- Protection from harm. (Job 1:10, 1 Chronicles 4:10)
- Follow their God-given calling. (Ephesians 2:10, Exodus 2:2)
- God make them a blessing to others. (Genesis 12:3)
- Thank God for them. (Philemon 1:4)

*"You do not have because you do not ask God."* (James 4:2)

**Believe the best for others. (vs. 21b)**

*Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man sits on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel."*

Matthew 19:28

*"Children are apt to live up to what you believe of them."*

Lady Bird Johnson

*"Whether you think you can, or you think you can't, you're both right."*

Henry Ford

**Trust God's sovereignty in the lives of those you love. (v. 22-23)**

*Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will."*

Matthew 26:39

*He had James, the brother of John, put to death with the sword.*

Acts 12:2

*I, John, your brother and companion in the suffering and kingdom and patient endurance that are ours in Jesus, was on the island of Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus.*

Revelation 1:9

### **Questions for Discipleship Group and/or Personal Study**

What expectations did your parents have on you?

How do you respond to the expectations of the world around as you see on Pinterest, Facebook, Instagram, etc.?

**Read Matthew 20:20-23**

What do you think motivated this mom to come to Jesus?

How do you suppose she felt about Jesus' response?

How would you answer Jesus' question in vs.21a?

Do you think they had any inclination about the pain of the "cup" that Jesus and they would go through?

Do you have difficulty trusting in God's sovereign plan in your life? Why or why not?

How has your life turned out differently than you expected? Have you been able to have a posture of acceptance during those unexpected changes, "cups" of suffering, twists and turns, etc?

What helped you to adopt that posture? How can your group help you keep your trust in Jesus through life's challenging seasons?

Questions/Comments about today's message?

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