Prideful Ambition

Mark 10:35-45 (series #55)

Intro: the pervasiveness and elusiveness of pride

- I. The Request from James & John vv. 35-37
 - A. It came through their mother (Matthew 20:20)
 - B. They wanted the prominent positions
- II. The Reply from Jesus vv. 38-40
 - A. Jesus told them suffering precedes glory
 - B. He told them they would suffer
 - C. He told them the Father would decide
- III. The Response from the Others v. 41
 - A. They weren't grieved because of sin
 - B. They knew they had been preempted
- IV. The Rebuke from Jesus vv. 42-45
 - A. Don't take your cues from the culture
 - B. "It shall not be so among you"
 - C. True greatness is servanthood

Conclusion: Are you dealing with pride?