

BEWARE OF THE

ME

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Beware of the Me Monster  
Who Do You Care About?  
Matthew 20:20–28

Chances are you've met the Me Monster before. You're having a conversation with someone and all they can talk about is Me, Myself, and I! These Me Monsters can be obnoxious and annoying. But there's a more subtle and insidious Me Monster lurking. It's the one you know the best and simultaneously are unaware of. Have you guessed who yet? That's right! It's you. And me. And all of us. Jesus taught that the only true way to live is to beware of the Me Monster.

To slay the Me Monster you must obediently go where you are sent.

- As you reflect on the message, what stood out to you? What is something you are still thinking about?
- What is something from the message that challenged you? How are you wrestling with that challenge?
- What question(s) do you have from the message?
- What is at least one practical takeaway from the message?

Matthew 20:20–28

**20** Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came up to him with her sons, and kneeling before him she asked him for something. **21** And he said to her, “What do you want?” She said to him, “Say that these two sons of mine are to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your kingdom.” **22** Jesus answered, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am to drink?” They said to him, “We are able.” **23** He said to them, “You will drink my cup, but to sit at my right hand and at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father.” **24** And when the ten heard it, they were indignant at the two brothers. **25** But Jesus called them to him and said, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. **26** It shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, **27** and whoever would be first among you must be your slave, **28** even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

- What kind of missions have you been sent on before?
- If the “son of Man came,” where did he come from? What does this tell us about Jesus?
- How did Jesus come? Turn to Galatians 4:4–7 and Philippians 2:5–8 for a reminder.
- Why does Jesus say he came in Matthew 20:28? How was this his “mission?”
- Why is it important that Jesus came both obediently and humbly?
- Turn to John 20:21–22. What does Jesus say to us?
- Why can we be sent? Think about our relationship to Jesus by the Holy Spirit.
- How is Jesus’ mission our mission?
- Jesus told us to “go therefore and make disciples of all nations” (Matthew 20:19). What does this look like for you to do in your every day life?
- How do we humbly go?
- In Acts 1:8 we’re told we will be witnesses “here, near, there, and everywhere. What is your:
  - Here?
  - Near?
  - There?
  - Everywhere?

- How are you uniquely qualified to reach where Jesus has sent you?
- Why is our mission or that we are sent help us defeat the Me Monster?