

Tuesday 19 November 2024 | **Mark 10:35–45**

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Speaker **Paul Williams**

## WELCOME TO ST HELEN'S

We are delighted you have joined us today. Please feel free to eat your lunch during the meeting and it would be a great help if you could turn all phones and other communication devices to flight mode.

## RUNNING ORDER

**1.10pm** Welcome and reading

**1.15pm** Talk

**1.40pm** End

## NOTICES

**1. New here?** Let us know if you'd like to receive the weekly update email detailing what's going on here to support you. Email: [city@st-helens.org.uk](mailto:city@st-helens.org.uk)

**2. Christmas City prayer breakfast:** join us and others to pray for upcoming Christmas events in your workplace and across the City. Tuesday 3 December, 7.45–8.30am, with hot and cold breakfast served from 7.30am.

**3. Carols services:** invite colleagues to St Helen's (except where noted) for carol services this December. You can download the flyers from [shb.org.uk/city](http://shb.org.uk/city)

Lunchtime:

- Tuesday 10 December 1.10-1.55pm
- Thursday 12 December 1.10-1.55pm (for Insurance industry)
- Tuesday 17 December 1.10-1.55pm

Evening:

- Tuesday 3 December 6-7pm (carols by candlelight at St Michael's Cornhill)
- Tuesday 3 December 7-8.30pm
- Wednesday 11 December 7-8pm

**3. Making the most of Christmas:** hear top tips from the City team on how to make the most of Christmas with your colleagues. Watch here: [bit.ly/citytoptips](http://bit.ly/citytoptips)

**4. Training for a guided Gospel read-through:** do you want to read the Gospel with a colleague but don't know how? Sign up to a training session with Wes over lunch on Wednesday 27 November, 1.05–1.50pm in St Helen's. Email Wes: [w.illingsworth@st-helens.org.uk](mailto:w.illingsworth@st-helens.org.uk)

## Mark 10:35–45 ESVUK

<sup>35</sup> And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” <sup>36</sup> And he said to them, “What do you want me to do for you?” <sup>37</sup> And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” <sup>38</sup> Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?” <sup>39</sup> And they said to him, “We are able.” And 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 hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.” <sup>41</sup> And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. <sup>42</sup> And Jesus called them to him and said to them, “You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. <sup>43</sup> But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, <sup>44</sup> and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. <sup>45</sup> For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

# What would you ask God to do for you?

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Introduction: if God asked, “What do you want me to do for you?” ...

## 1. A surprising request v35–37

## 2. An inappropriate demand v38–42

## 3. An absurd paradox v43–45

Conclusion

### Questions for discussion and reflection:

- If God were to ask you, “What do you want me to do for you?” what would you say?
- What do you find most surprising in this passage?
- How do you feel about Jesus telling us to be a slave of all?

**Next week:** *What do you want God to do for you?* Mark 10:45. Speaker: Paul Williams