

Whatever is Noble

Philippians 4:8-9, Mark 10:35-45, 1 Timothy 3:8-10, Titus 2:2

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WARM-UP QUESTIONS:

1. Pastor Jason described the Royal Family in the UK as a depiction of nobility. When you think of someone who is “noble,” what comes to mind?
2. What role does nobility or being worthy of respect play in today’s modern age? Is it considered an important attribute? Share your thoughts.
3. How is the understanding of nobility in the Asian culture different than that of the West? How does this difference affect your own understanding of this concept?

REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

1. Philippians 4:8-9 identifies virtues that are reflective of the character of God. This week Paul highlights the quality of being noble and worthy of respect. Do you usually think of God this way? How does it shape your view and feelings towards God?
2. In Mark 10:35-45, what lesson(s) did Jesus teach the disciples about what it means to be noble? How do we sometimes see ourselves being like James and John (or the other ten disciples)? How did their lives after Jesus’ resurrection demonstrate their understanding of this new nobility?
3. In response to John and James’ request, Jesus said, “Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all.” (Mark 10:43-44) What about those who don’t care to be great? What about those to whom serving comes more naturally? What do Jesus’ words mean to them?
4. How is the idea of God’s nobility in the OT fulfilled in Jesus in the NT? What is the significance of this new nobility?

APPLICATION QUESTIONS:

1. The call to give up our privileges is sometimes easier said than done. What does it mean to do so? Does it always have to be sacrificial or feel uncomfortable?
2. Can you be noble without being patronizing or legalistic?
3. Examine your own privileges in life. What are they? How could they be used to bless the lives of others around you?
4. Pastor Jason says that “Nobility ends at the cross.” What does he mean?