I. LESSONS FOR US FROM JAMES AND JOHN’S MOTHER’S REQUEST

There is a difference between Matthew’s and Mark’s account of this (Matt. 20:20 says their mother approached Jesus. Mark 10:35-45 – Mark says James and John asked this)– and it seems best resolved by the thought that the 2 disciples went to their mother and asked her to approach Jesus with their request.

v. 36 - Jesus is interested in what we ________________!

Matt. 20:20 - she came, kneeling down – worshipping Him, recognizing His Lordship

A. Jesus is willing to ________________ us. V. 36 - (Matt. 20:21: “What is it you want?”)

B. Sometimes prayer has implications we don’t know. V. 38 (v. 32-34)

We don’t know what the answers to our prayers will ________________. Pray carefully!!

Matt. 26:39 - “Nevertheless, not my will, but Thine be done”

C. There are elements in the ________________ world that impact the answer to our prayers. V. 40 – Matt. 20:23b – “for whom they have been prepared by My Father”

1) Sometimes we are praying out of God’s will, and we need to __________ as we pray

2) God won’t “____________” Himself on anyone.

D. God wants to ________________ us through unanswered prayers. V. 41 - 45

II. LESSONS FOR US FROM THE BLIND MEN’S REQUEST  Mark 10:46ff

A. Know your ________________ - v. 46,51

B. Persist - v. 48  (Matt. 7:7,8 - ask and keep on asking, etc.....)

Why is persistence important?

1. Sometimes during this process, God does something in ____________ God may have to do something in ____________ before He can do something in them.

2. Sometimes we realize we’re praying for the ________________ thing.

God is honored by our persistence. Sometimes we get the answer we want, but EVERY TIME God does ________________.

C. Get to Christ - Mark 10:50 – the way to get to Him is to ________________ Him.

D. Admit your ________________ - v. 51b

E. ________________ for God - v. 52

v. 49 – Jesus stopped…..to this day He stops to hear our prayers!