

**Set Apart to Serve**

Deacon Ordination

– Matthew 20:20-28 –

**1. High Ambition** (vss. 20-21)**2. High Cost** (vss. 22-23)**3. High Standard** (vss. 24-28)**Application Questions. . .**

1. What especially spoke to you in this message?
2. What contrast does Jesus set up between the Gentile kingdom and God's kingdom? How does Jesus model this new way?
3. In verse 28, Jesus said He came to give His life as a *ransom* for us. If we need a ransom — what does that say about *us*?
4. Discuss whether you think there's any danger for us today in applying verses 26-27 too literally?
5. In light of Luke 9:23-24, what does it mean specifically for you to (a) deny yourself, (b) take up your cross daily, (c) follow Christ, and (d) lose your life?
6. How has your relationship with Jesus affected your lifestyle? Relationships? Priorities? Politics?
7. Where does Jesus' way conflict with your way? What do you stand to lose by following Christ? What do you stand to gain?

