What Can I Learn From A Mom  
Matthew 20:20-23

Take time and read Matthew 20:20-23  
You might want to share the context surrounding these verses.

- Jesus is on His way to Jerusalem for the last time. Matthew 21 records the Triumphal Entry. The disciples are thinking Jesus is going to Jerusalem to establish His Kingdom. It is this mindset that feeds the request by James, John and their mother.

1. From the text, what do you think motivated the disciples’ mother (Salome) to ask this favor of Jesus?

2. What was she really asking Jesus for in verse 22?

3. What do you think Jesus was referring to when He said, “You do not know what you are asking?” (Was she mislead in her thinking, or just ignorant of God plan?)

4. What was Jesus referring to when He said, “Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink”?

5. If you had been the mother, how would you have felt about Jesus’ response to your request?

I led our thinking away from the negative aspects of this request and the tension it created with the other disciples (Matt. 20:24). I choose to focus on the positive aspects of Salome’s sincerity and desire for Jesus to bless her boys.

6. What positive qualities do you find in the mother’s request of Jesus?

7. How does her request reflect her spiritual values and her desired influence in her sons lives?

8. As a mother share how you might apply her example with your children?

9. What quality do you see in Salome’s life that you can follow this week as a mother of your children? (remember that James and John are grown men at this point)