



RANSOM

Participants' Sheet

Reading:	Matthew	20:20-28
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QUESTIONS.

1.	What do we think of when we hear the word 'ransom'? What does it involve?
2.	How do you think people hearing Jesus say that he would 'give his life as a ransom for many' would have understood him? What about after the resurrection?
3.	Superficially, there is little difference between ransom and substitution. What is the difference?

4. Ransom is the atonement image specifically mentioned by Jesus. Does this make it any different? And do we need to treat it any differently?





- 5. Which elements of the ransom image have been taken up by the New Testament writers, and which ignored?
- 6. Are there any aspects of the ransom image which cause problems for us when we use it to explain Jesus' death?

7. Can we summarise how the image of ransom and redemption (concentrating for now on just this image) answers the question, 'Why did Jesus have to die?'