Parish Church of **St. Barnabas, Swanland** *Sharing Christ through friendship.*
Group notes
Week beg.21st[h] October 2012 Teaching on the way Mark 10:35-45

Welcome	**Ice Breaker** : Think of a time you were afraid or apprehensive about going somewhere and how it affected your feelings regarding the visit at the time?
Worship *ideas*	***Suggested songs:*** SOF 58 Change my heart' O God. 830 I the Lord of sea and sky. 54 Brother, let me be your servant *(NB: 20 files containing about 30 'newer' songs are still available to borrow from the office for groups)*
Word *(refs.↓)*	*some suggestions for discussion here – you might prefer to focus on just 2 or 3 questions*
Mark 10:32-34	• Read Mark 32-34 to set the scene for what follows • Why were the disciples 'astonished' and the people 'afraid'?
Mark 10:35-45	• This wasn't the first time Jesus challenged the disciples about 'servanthood'. Read Mark 9.30-36. • What were the differences and similarities between the two situations? • What exactly do you think James and John had in mind (v 37)? Note that Matthews version (Matt 20: 20-21) refers to their mother's involvement. • How do we feel when someone in church or at work or in our leisure activity seeks a position of authority that might aspire to?
Mark 10:38	• What do you understand by Jesus' questions about 'cup' and 'baptism'? v38 Do you think the disciples really understood? • Jesus confirmed that they would 'drink the cup' and 'be baptised' but not have the position they requested. How might this apply to us?
Mark 10.32	• Is there any difference between 'lording it' over someone and 'exercising authority'?
Mark 10:43-44	• Christian ministry is about 'servanthood'. Discuss! • Compare and contrast 10:v31 (last will be first) with 10.vv 43-44. (servanthood)
Wind	• Pray for servant hearts.
Witness	• Seek God's leading for situations at home, work, leisure or church where you might be a 'servant'.