

The Gospel According to Mark Jesus. Servant. Master.

Lesson 36

Read Mark 9:30 – 37

Introduction: *Returning to Capernaum Jesus asked the disciples, “What was it that ye disputed among yourselves by the way?” They did not realize that their thoughts were known to Him. He did not need to hear their words to know what was in their hearts. “They had disputed among themselves, who should be the greatest.” Failing to recognize the true character of the kingdom of God, they thought of it as a place for worldly advancement and so contended with each other as to their respective merits and likelihood of prominence when the kingdom should actually be set-up. He who will be most highly honored in the kingdom of God is the one who seeks no honor for himself, but lays himself out for the blessing of others.*

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1. Why do you think Jesus did not want anyone to know He and His disciples were passing through Galilee according to Mark 9:30 – 32? (Compare with Matthew 17:22 – 23 and Luke 9:43 – 45)
 - What specific things did Jesus reveal to His disciples that would take place in the future in Mark 9:31?

- We probably all have received bad news about someone we loved that was facing a long illness and eventually death. How did you handle that news?

2. According to Mark 9:33 – 34, Matthew 18:1 and Luke 9:46 what were the disciples disputing about?

- What did Jesus say to his disciples in Matthew 18:2– 5, Luke 9:47 – 48 and Mark 9:35 – 37 about being the greatest? What example did Jesus use to make His point?

3. In Luke 22 Jesus had Passover with His disciples, instituted the Lord's Supper and predicted that one of them would betray Him. What took place among the disciples at this time according to Luke 22:24 – 30 and what can we learn from the response of Jesus?

4. What did Jesus teach His disciples about being great in the following scriptures:

- Matthew 20:26 – 28

- Matthew 23:11 – 12

- Luke 14:7 – 11

- John 13:3 – 17

5. How can we become great in the kingdom of heaven according to Matthew 5:3, 10 – 12, 17 – 19 and Matthew 7:21?

6. There is an old hymn “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” we sing declaring the greatness of God. What do the following scriptures teach us about God’s greatness in our lives?

- 1 John 3:20

- 1 John 4:4

- 1 John 5:9 – 13