

Home Group Discussion Guide

Understanding Greatness – Mark 9:30-37

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The following questions are designed to help groups explore the message above by challenging participants to consider how God is wanting them to apply it to their lives.

*The questions are a **guide** to help lead discussion.*

Please don't feel that all questions need to be asked, instead respond to the needs of your group. If you have new people in your group, take the opportunity to introduce each other and clarify any expectations that are present in your group (such as confidentiality).

GETTING STARTED

1. Is there an area of your life that you seek to be first/ or an area you always seek to excel in? Why?
It could be to do with coming first in a race, or something at work
2. What was the main challenge or idea that stood out to you from the message on Sunday?

REFLECTING ON THE MESSAGE

Key Scripture: Mark 9:30-37

(Read Mark 9:30-32)

1. What do you think was going through the disciple's minds as they heard their Rabbi, Jesus predicting that He would be killed by others for a second time?
(Remembering that this kind of death was considered shameful at the time)

(Read Mark 9:33-37)

2. The disciples didn't invite Jesus into their conversation. Are there conversations that you choose not to invite Jesus into? What are they?
3. What are some of the things that our culture and society consider when deciding who is great?
 - a. What similarities are there to God's Kingdom?
 - b. What differences are there to God's Kingdom?
4. When Jesus took a little child in his arms, what message was he trying to share with His disciples, and with us today?

RESPONDING TO THE MESSAGE

1. What type the greatness that you aspire to? Does this need to shift?
2. Is there a situation in your world today where you can choose instead of winning for yourself, to lose for someone else?

OPPORTUNITY FOR PRAYER

Our Home Groups are the primary place for pastoral care to occur within the Church. We would encourage you to take the opportunity to pray for each other in this space.

