

Who is really Great?

Mark 10:35-42; Matthew 18:1-5; 17:24-27

SERMON NOTES AND DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

I. Introduction

- a. Why Humility?
- b. The world needs a humble Church
- c. Question:

II. Don't Live by the World's definition of Greatness

- a. Mark 10:35-42
- b. "Not so with you!"
- c. One of the most important statements in the New Testament

III. Be willing to be seen as insignificant in the eyes of the world!

- a. Matthew 18:1-5
- b. What does Jesus mean when he says become like little children?
- c. God's Word to us is first of all God's Word to them!

IV. Follow Jesus to become Great!

V. Conclusion

Discussion Questions

Sharing Life Together:

1. What is a personal accomplishment you think your heavenly father is proud that you have achieved?
2. What are some trophies you have collected in your life that have lost some of their glitter?

For Reflection:

1. How do you think growing in humility can be a blessing to your life? What might be benefit for you in becoming more humble?
2. Read Mark 10:35-42. When are you worried about getting the best seats?
3. How would explain Jesus' understanding of greatness as described in this passage? What do people need to do in order to live and be shaped by Jesus' understanding of greatness?
4. Who are the people you are concerned with impressing?
5. Read Matthew 18:1-5. To take the position of a child means to be willing to become nobody in the eyes of the world. What determines greatness in the world today? What determines greatness in the Kingdom of God?
6. Jesus didn't just preach a different way of greatness, he lived a different way of greatness. How do you think Jesus is calling you to follow him into greatness?
7. How did God speak to you through the message?
8. How can we pray for one another?