

# Do You Want To Be Great?

Luke 9:44-50

## B. Live The Jesus Way.

1. Don't miss what GOD is saying and doing because of your Pride or Pettiness.

*You, my brothers, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, serve one another in love. Galatians 5:13*

2. Follow the Example of Jesus.

*Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death-- even death on a cross! Philippians 2:5-8*

3. Follow The Example of Paul.

I Corinthians 15:9 "The Least of the Apostles"

Ephesians 3:8 "The Least of GOD's People."

1 Timothy 1:15 "The Greatest of Sinners"

## In Jesus' Kingdom, the Way UP is Down.

## Outdo one another in Selfless Service.

## A. See What's going on in this story.

1. Jesus is Predicting His Death.

*"Listen carefully to what I am about to tell you: The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into the hands of men." But they did not understand what this meant. It was hidden from them, so that they did not grasp it, and they were afraid to ask him about it. Luke 9:44-45*

2. His students are Jockeying for Position.

*An argument started among the disciples as to which of them would be the greatest. Luke 9:46  
They came to Capernaum. When he was in the house, he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the road?" But they kept quiet because on the way they had argued about who was the greatest. Mark 9:33-34*

## B. Hear Jesus' Teaching.

1. Prove that you are a Jesus follower by how you treat those often regarded as Least Significant.

*Jesus, knowing their thoughts, took a little child and had him stand beside him. Then he said to them, "Whoever welcomes this little child in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me." Luke 9:30-31a*

2. "Greatness" is realized through Humble Service.

*"For he who is least among you all-- he is the greatest." Luke 9:31b*

3. Don't think you are the Only Show in Town.

*"Master," said John, "we saw a man driving out demons in your name and we tried to stop him, because he is not one of us." "Do not stop him," Jesus said, "for whoever is not against you is for you." Luke 9:49-50  
It is true that some preach Christ out of envy and rivalry, but others out of goodwill. The latter do so in love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel. The former preach Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely, supposing that they can stir up trouble for me while I am in chains. But what does it matter? The important thing is that in every way, whether from false motives or true, Christ is preached. And because of this I rejoice. Philippians 1:15-18*

## **Faith@Home**

Commit yourself to spending time with GOD and His Word on at least five days this week. Read the Bible passage(s) listed.

Ask GOD for understanding. Reflect on the verses you read and write down your answers to the question(s). Pray that GOD will guide you to walk in His Word.

### **Day One**

Read Luke 9:44-50

1. Because the disciples were focused on themselves and their positions instead of Jesus and His teaching, what were they missing out on?

2. What do you think GOD is saying to us in verse 48?

3. What are some specific ways you can put the teaching of this passage into practice?

### **Day Two**

Read Mark 10:35-45

1. What did James and John ask for and how did the other ten disciples feel about that?

2. How is life in Jesus' Kingdom to be radically different from life in the world's system?

3. How did Jesus lead the way in this?

### **Day Three**

Read Philippians 2:1-11

1. What did Jesus "lay aside" to accomplish His mission?

2. List and reflect on the steps of His humbling himself and then do the same for the steps of His exaltation.

3. What will you do to make your attitude more like that of Jesus (verse 5)?

### **Day Four**

Read 1 Corinthians 15:9; Ephesians 3:8; 1 Timothy 1:15

1. How does Paul describe himself in each of these verses?

2. How do you think a person could maintain that perspective?

3. What would you be like if you lived with that perspective? Are you willing to try?

### **Day Five**

Read Psalm 16

1. How would you put verse two in your own words?

2. How do you "set the LORD always before me"?

3. Do you know and live out the experience described in verse 11?

4. Rejoice in the LORD. Pray for Sunday's worship gathering.