

So You Want to Be Great

Gospel of Mark Series – Part 30

Scripture text – Mark 9:30-37

Introduction

- When we left *Mark*, Jesus had just ended his _____ ministry in order to concentrate on the 12 disciples.
- The great pivot point was their confession that Jesus was indeed the _____.
- The disciples are smarting a bit from their failure to cast out a _____. Even so, this didn't seem to make them more humble and teachable.
- And yet, Jesus didn't _____ on them.

The Teaching They Didn't Understand

- Why *didn't* they understand? Because we read the Bible _____ and they read the Bible _____.
- That the “Son of Man” (of Daniel 7) would suffer and die was _____ to them.
- Today, fewer and fewer _____ who Jesus was. To the majority of Americans (and a growing number of Evangelicals), Jesus was merely a great _____.
- It really matters what we _____!

The Discussion They Shouldn't Have Had

- While Jesus walked in silence, to his sacrificial death, the disciples jockeyed for _____ behind him.
- There's nothing wrong with wanting to be _____. In fact, at least for boys & men, it is a God-given _____.
- Simple definition: To be “great” is to be a person of outstanding _____, _____ or acclaim.
- However, everyone must answer 3 questions:
 1. In whose _____?
 2. To what _____?
 3. By what _____?
- According to Jesus, one becomes great through _____.

The Illustration They Couldn't Miss

- In Jesus' day, children were the very epitome of lowliness, _____ & _____ . In our day, it is almost to the other extreme.
- If the path to greatness is service, the ones to serve are those of _____ power & significance. Who is that in Shelby county?