

I Samuel 12:24 “But be sure to fear the LORD and serve Him faithfully with all your heart; consider what great things He has done for you.”

5. We should serve the Lord and let our light glorify our Lord.

Matthew 5:16 “In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in Heaven.”

C. Serve the Lord refueled by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Ephesians 3:20 “Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us.”

I Corinthians 15:58 “Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.”

Galatians 6:9 “Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.”

Who is the Greatest?

Mark 9:30-41

Lesson #36

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Proverbs 16:18 “Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall.”

James 4:6 “But He gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says: “God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble.”

James 4:10 “Humble yourselves before the Lord, and He will lift you up.”

I. Jesus informed His disciples of His upcoming death.

A. Jesus reminded them of His death and resurrection.

****Mark 9:30** “They left that place and passed through Galilee. Jesus did not want anyone to know where they were.”

****Mark 9:31a** “Because He was teaching his disciples”

****Mark 9:31b** “... He said to them, “The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into the hands of men. They will kill him, and after three days He will rise.”

Matthew 16:22 “Never Lord!” This shall never happen to you!”

Mark 8:32 “Get behind me Satan!” he said. “You do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of man.”

B. Jesus’ disciples responded to His news.

****Mark 9:32** “But they did not understand what he meant and were afraid to ask him about it.”

Luke 9:45 “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.”

Matthew 17:23b adds “... the disciples were filled with grief.”

II. Jesus interrogated His disciple's concerning their disagreement.

A. They were questioned.

****Mark 9:33** "They came to Capernaum. When He was in the house, He asked them, "What were you arguing about on the road?"

B. They were quiet.

****Mark 9:34** "But they kept quiet because on the way they had argued about who was the greatest."

Proverbs 13:10a "Pride breeds quarrels"

III. Jesus instructed His disciples to devote themselves to service.

****Mark 9:35** "Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, "If anyone wants to be first, he must be the very last, and the servant of all."

Mark 10:45 "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served; but to serve, and give His life as a ransom for many."

IV. Jesus illustrated His lesson about humble service to His disciples.

A. Jesus taught a lesson on humility.

****Mark 9:36a** "He took a little child and had him stand among them. Taking him in his arms, ...

****Mark 9:36b** "... He said to them."

****Mark 9:37** "Whoever welcomes one of these little children in My Name welcomes Me; and whoever welcomes Me does not welcome Me but the One who sent Me."

Matthew 18:4 "Therefore, whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven."

Matthew 23:5 "Everything they do is done for men to see: They make their phylacteries wide and the tassels on their garments long; ^[6] They love the place of honor at banquets and the most important seats in the synagogues."

Matthew 23:7 "They love to be greeted in the marketplaces and to have men call them 'Rabbi.'"

B. Jesus taught a lesson on harmony.

****Mark 9:38** "Teacher," said John, "We saw someone driving out demons in your name and we told him to stop, because he was not one of us."

****Mark 9:39** "Do not stop him," Jesus said. "No one who does a miracle in My Name can in the next moment say anything bad about Me."

****Mark 9:40** "For whoever is not against us is for us."

****Mark 9:41** "Truly I tell you, anyone who gives you a cup of water in my name because you belong to Christ will certainly not lose their reward."

How can we apply this lesson to our life?

A. Serve the Lord and reach out to others!

I Peter 4:10 "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord."

B. Serve the Lord with the right motives!

1. We should serve in love.

Galatians 5:13b "... Serve one another in love."

2. We should look to the needs of others and serve.

Philippians 2:3 "Do nothing out of selfish ambition and vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves."

Philippians 2:4 "Each of you should look not only to your own interests but also to the interests of others."

3. We should serve with God honoring language.

Philippians 2:14 "Do everything without complaining or arguing."

4. We should serve the Lord for the long haul.