

Wednesday June 24th
Almighty Jesus - Luke 8-9

Opening

What's something that you looked forward to for a long time and when it came, it was even better than you imagined?

Digging Deeper

Message Review: As Jesus continues to travel and minister in Galilee He sends out the 12 disciples to minister on their own and continue the work of preaching, teaching and healing. He also demonstrates His power over every aspect of the created world, multiplying food, calming storms and delivering people from demonic possession. This week, we will focus on Jesus' teaching about how to be great in God's kingdom. **READ** Luke 9:46-48

1. Verse 46 tells us that the disciples argued over who would be the greatest. At the very least this tells us that the disciples were looking forward to their future with Jesus and the great things that were going to come in God's kingdom. Is this kind of anticipation good? Why or why not? What scriptures support your answer?
2. The disciples' argument about greatness led Jesus to show them a small child, and in verse 48 He makes three statements. The first is, "He who receives this little child in My name receives Me." What does it mean to "receive" a person? What does it mean to receive them in the name of Jesus?
3. Jesus says that receiving a child in His name is the same as receiving Him. If someone asked you, "How do I receive Jesus?" what would you normally say? How would your answer compare with (or connect with) what Jesus says here? What does Jesus mean by receiving the one who sent Him?
4. Finally, Jesus says "he who is least among you all will be great." If a person is least among their peers, in what way will they then be great? What kind of greatness is Jesus talking about?
5. We can say that the disciples' anticipation of God's kingdom led them toward selfish ambitions. But compare this passage to Matthew 6:20. Do you think there is a kind of "holy ambition" we can have in God's kingdom? What would that look like in a Christian's life? What might it look like in your life?

Prayer

1. What is something from this passage that we can pray for?
2. Pray for personal needs.