

Sermon Questions

Downward Mobility Is the Escalator Up

Mark 9:33-37

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CONNECT:

- Have you ever given a gift or done something for someone anonymously? What were the circumstances?

GROW:

- Read Mark 9:33-37. What is the main lesson Jesus is trying to teach His followers?
- What is your main obstacle in serving others? Is there something you can do to overcome this?
- Can your servanthood look different in different seasons? In what way?
- What is the difference between striving for excellence in the way you serve Jesus and allowing pride to show up even in your servanthood? What can you do to protect against pride?
- How would you explain the concept that welcoming (ministering to, taking care of) a child in Jesus' name welcomes Jesus Himself?

GO:

- Is there a way you can serve a child in the near future? What might that look like?

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1. Pride is at the root of sin. Pride is the self-desire to autonomously rule our lives rather than rightly bowing to God's rule over us. (Mark 9:33-37; Proverbs 6:16-19)
2. Pride side tracks us from the most important issues which are God-centered, rather than self-centered. (March 9:33-37)
3. Pride is put down when God's people seek to serve others, rather than be served by others. (March 9:34b)
4. Pride is put down when God's people prioritize biblical training of the "Next Generations" (Mark 9:36-37). In serving children, God considers this to be a form of serving Him (Mark 9:36-37).
5. Pride is ultimately put at bay as God's people seek to please an audience of One (God), rather than an audience of many (fellow people) (Galatians 1:10).

Next week's text: Mark 10:1-9