



4 ESSENTIALS TO BECOMING A KINGDOM INFLUENCER . . .

ALWAYS BEGIN WITH THE CROSS AND THE EMPTY TOMB.

Mark 9:30-32 (NLT) Leaving that region, they traveled through Galilee. Jesus didn't want anyone to know he was there, ³¹ for he wanted to spend more time with his disciples and teach them. He said to them, "The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into the hands of his enemies. He will be killed, but three days later he will rise from the dead." ³² They didn't understand what he was saying, however, and they were afraid to ask him what he meant.

SERVE WITH HUMILITY.

Mark 9:33-37 (NLT) After they arrived at Capernaum and settled in a house, Jesus asked his disciples, "What were you discussing out on the road?" ³⁴ But they didn't answer, because they had been arguing about which of them was the greatest. ³⁵ He sat down, called the twelve disciples over to him, and said, "Whoever wants to be first must take last place and be the servant of everyone else." ³⁶ Then he put a little child among them. Taking the child in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷ "Anyone who welcomes a little child like this on my behalf welcomes me, and

anyone who welcomes me welcomes not only me but also my Father who sent me.”

STAY FOCUSED ON JESUS AND DON'T WORRY ABOUT WHO GETS THE CREDIT.

Mark 9:38-41 (NLT) John said to Jesus, “Teacher, we saw someone using your name to cast out demons, but we told him to stop because **he wasn’t in our group.**” ³⁹ “Don’t stop him!” Jesus said. “No one who performs a miracle in my name will soon be able to speak evil of me. ⁴⁰ Anyone who is not against us is for us. ⁴¹ If anyone gives you even a cup of water because you belong to the Messiah, I tell you the truth, that person will surely be rewarded.

FEAR HELL.

Mark 9:42-50 (NLT) “But if you cause one of these little ones who trusts in me to fall into sin, it would be better for you to be thrown into the sea with a large millstone hung around your neck. ⁴³ If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It’s better to enter eternal life with only one hand than to go into the unquenchable fires of hell with two hands. ⁴⁵ If your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It’s better to enter eternal life with only one foot than to be thrown into hell with two feet. ⁴⁷ And if your eye causes you to sin, gouge it out. It’s better to enter the Kingdom of God with only one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸ ‘where the maggots never die and the fire never goes out.’ ⁴⁹ “For everyone will be tested with fire. ⁵⁰ Salt is good for seasoning. But if it loses its flavor, how do you make it salty again? You must

have the qualities of salt among yourselves and live in peace with each other.”

The Truth About Hell . . .

It’s eternal, utter torment.

It’s a horrible lonely place.

People there will proclaim Jesus is Lord but it will be too late.

It’s the default human destination.

It’s God’s just punishment and Jesus is the only way of escape.