

Kingdom Rising
“Who’s the Greatest?”

GETTING STARTED

ICE BREAKER: When have you thought you were greatest at something, only to be humbled?

KEY THOUGHT: ***As a follower of Jesus, get ready to invert your values***

GETTING THE POINT

Read Mark 9:30-37

1. What word would you use to describe the disciples’ argument over who is the greatest, coming immediately on the heels of Jesus teaching them about His death?
2. What was Jesus looking for in place of a desire for high rank?
3. How was a child an appropriate object lesson for the point Jesus wanted to make?

Read Mark 9:38-41

4. What might have been the positive motivation for the disciples’ actions in verse 38?
5. What does Jesus indicate is the basis for inclusion in His Kingdom?

GETTING DEEPER

Read Philippians 2:6-8

1. What is so surprising about Jesus humbling Himself? How does His example inspire you?
2. What is the connection between humility and serving others?

GETTING PERSONAL

1. Which “misvalue” are you more likely to espouse: superiority or exclusivity?
2. What have you found helpful as a practical “antidote” to a personal feeling of superiority?
3. Tell about a time when, in your mind or your actions, you “excluded” a religious/spiritual person only to find out later you were wrong?
4. What is unsettling about seeing the Kingdom as wider than we are accustomed to? What is freeing?
5. What was important about Jesus’ lessons here regarding superiority and exclusivity for Mark’s first audience (Roman Christians)? What is important for us today?

PRAY...

for God to purge superiority and exclusivity from our hearts so that we see others as He does.