



**Week of September 23, 2018**

**Mark 9:30-37**

<sup>30</sup> They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it;

<sup>31</sup> for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again."

<sup>32</sup> But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

<sup>33</sup> Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?"

<sup>34</sup> But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest.

<sup>35</sup> He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all."

<sup>36</sup> Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them,

<sup>37</sup> "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."



### Group Leader

Remember: you don't need to use all of the questions. Go with what works. Give people a chance to think before answering, but if a question falls flat, move on. Let the discussion go where it needs to go, as long as it remains centered around the lesson. Give the participants page 1. Use this page for yourself.

### Gathering questions:

- A. When you've been in a restaurant and the food wasn't to your liking, under what circumstances – if ever – have you sent it back?
- B. Do you feel compelled to tip when there is a tip jar on the counter? Do you want the person to see you leave something?

### Bible Study Questions:

- 1. In verse 32, why do you think the disciples were afraid to ask Jesus about what he was teaching them?
- 2. In verse 34, why do you believe the disciples were in this argument in the first place? As you imagine the debate, what criteria do you think they would have applied in making their argument that they were the greatest?
- 3. In verse 35, what do you think it means to be a servant?
- 4. When you do a good deed, what percentage of you wants to be recognized for having done it? (People naturally have a tendency to want *some* credit for what we do.)
- 5. In verse 37, what does it mean to "welcome" a child? How would we welcome others similarly?
- 6. When have you said "yes" to a request when you wanted to say "no"? Do you believe that Jesus is teaching you to do this?
- 7. How can we be "last of all" yet stand up for ourselves?

Closing prayer: particularly invite prayers either about situations where you are being taken advantage of or situations where you need to have a better attitude.