

Message Notes

JESUS Part 10: Greatness Descends

Matthew 20:17-28

→ three different approaches towards greatness

#1 Jesus preached that greatness is within reach.

→ the conclusion was getting near - **Mark 10:32**

→ thinking this was a path to greatness - **Luke 18:34**

#2 Greatness is about a direction, not a location.

→ they still didn't get it - **vs. 20-23**

→ completely different topics - **vs. 23-24**

#3 True greatness is not motivated by its reward.

→ upside-down is right-side up - **vs. 24-28**

#4 The best measure for greatness is what you give.

→ your path of greatness

Group Questions

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1. Who are some of the "greatest" people you know? What is it about them that makes them worthy of that distinction?
2. The sermon mentioned three types of people: those who are strongly self-driven towards greatness, those who are content to let others be great, and those in despair who have surrendered to insignificance. Which one do you most closely associate with, and why?
3. **Read Matthew 20:20-22.** The disciples were more focused on pursuing the path *to* greatness rather than pursuing the path *of* greatness. What is the difference?
4. **Read Matthew 20:25.** Jesus gave a timely example of how people viewed greatness in his day. What was his point?

What would be a modern day example of the way most people tend to view greatness?
5. **Read Matthew 20:26-28.** According to Jesus, what does it take to become great?

Take into consideration your primary roles in life. (Examples: husband/wife, employee/employer, parent, volunteer, neighbor, etc.) What would it look like if you took verses 26-28 and fully applied them to your specific roles?
6. In what areas of your life do you tend to view greatness more as a destination rather than a path? What are some practical things you can do this week that will help transform the way you think?