

A Cross Shaped Life

Mark 9:30-50 The Servant King #28 Noah Largent 8/2/12

Jesus' Mission

³⁰ They left that place and passed through Galilee. Jesus did not want anyone to know where they were, ³¹ because he was teaching his disciples. He said to them, "The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men. They will kill him, and after three days he will rise." ³² But they did not understand what he meant and were afraid to ask him about it.

Disciples Mission

³³ And they came to Capernaum. And when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you discussing on the way?" ³⁴ The silence was deafening - they had been arguing with one another over who among them was greatest. -vs.33 ESV / vs.34 The Message

Life's Mission

³⁵ He sat down and summoned the Twelve. **"So you want first place? Then take the last place. Be the servant of all."** -The Message

³⁶ He took a little child whom he placed among them. Taking the child in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷ "Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me."

**God loves us not for what we can or will do for Him,
just as Jesus teaches us to love others not for what
they can or will do for us.**

The measurement of the ambition to be great before men is always: "How many serve me? How much power do I exercise over others? How wide is the extent of my influence? How far has knowledge about me traveled?" Who of us has not suffered many times this desire to be known, to be admired, to be considered important and great in the eyes of men? But Jesus points out that true greatness is never found there. The measure of true greatness is: "How many do I serve? How many am I willing to minister to? How can I use what I have to serve others?" This is the mark of greatness in the eyes of God. - Ray Stedman (web Commentary Mark 9)

Life's Mission

³⁸ "Teacher," said John, "we saw someone driving out demons in your name and we told him to stop, because he was not one of us." ³⁹ "Do not stop him," Jesus said. "For no one who does a miracle in my name can in the next moment say anything bad about me, ⁴⁰ for whoever is not against us is for us. ⁴¹ Truly I tell you, anyone who gives you a cup of water in my name because you belong to the Messiah will certainly not lose their reward.

Examine Yourself

⁴² "If anyone causes one of these little ones - those who believe in me—to stumble, it would be better for them if a large millstone were hung around their neck and they were thrown into the sea. ⁴³ If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life maimed than with two hands to go into hell, where the fire never goes out. ⁴⁵ And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. ⁴⁷ And if your eye causes you to stumble, pluck it out. ⁴⁸ 'where their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched.' ⁴⁹ For everyone will be salted with fire.

- 1. We all have influence, be careful how you use it especially with young people.**
- 2. Where ever sin is found, deal drastically with it. Your life is at stake.**

Be Ambitious!

⁵⁰ *Salt is good*, but if the salt has lost its saltiness, how will you make it salty again? *Have salt in yourselves*, and be at peace with one another."

Good Salt: preserves against decay & enhances flavor.

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