

## The Greatest in the Kingdom

**Mark 9:30-37**

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### I. A prediction about Jesus' Death and Resurrection. **Mark 9:30-32**

"What \_\_\_\_\_ His mind was not the living, but the giving of His life."

(Stott)

- This was the third time Jesus told the Disciples He would be killed and rise again; but this was the first time He mentions being \_\_\_\_\_.

**Matthew 26:22** And they were exceedingly \_\_\_\_\_, and each of them began to say to Him, "Lord, is it I?" NKJV

### II. Infighting over position and title. **Mark 9:33-35**

Jesus finished telling them about His upcoming Death and Resurrection and how He would be betrayed; yet His Disciples were disputing over who would be the \_\_\_\_\_ in His Kingdom.

- Jesus has shifted His focus from public ministry to these Disciples, since they will become the men \_\_\_\_\_ the Kingdom once Jesus goes back to heaven.

We realize the only reason we are in the Kingdom of God is because our King came to serve and give Himself as a \_\_\_\_\_ for us from the power and penalty of sin.

### III. Receive the children. **Mark 9:36-37**

The only way you can truly be \_\_\_\_\_ is by the power of the Holy Spirit working in your life, and that takes place when you are born again of the Spirit of God. **John 3:3**

- A person who has gone through a genuine conversion will gain attributes of a child, which are: humility, honesty, and sincerity - all of these attributes are produced through a new \_\_\_\_\_.

Jesus didn't enter the world like a boastful world ruler; He came in humility as a baby and as a \_\_\_\_\_ who came to die. **Philippians 2:5-8**

### IV. Practical Application.

Many of us have come to expect the use of a **caste** system in India; but followers of Christ have all too often fallen into this kind of \_\_\_\_\_ as well. **Matthew 18:2-4**

- Little Children are \_\_\_\_\_. **James 4:10**
- Little Children are \_\_\_\_\_. **Colossians 3:13**
- Little children are aware of their \_\_\_\_\_ for help from someone bigger than themselves.
- Little children are trusting, \_\_\_\_\_, honest, and don't try to change things they can't control.

### Small Group Discussion

Looking back at your notes from this week's sermon, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

1. Discuss a class or caste system. *Is a caste system wrong among Christians?*  
**Acts 10:28-35, 1 Timothy 5:21, James 2:1-9**
2. Read **Mark 9:30-32** and **Matthew 17:22-23**. *Why were the Disciples afraid to ask Jesus about their misunderstanding His comments about His Death and Resurrection? Why were the Disciples sorrowful after Jesus revealed His upcoming betrayal?*  
**Matthew 26:20-22, Luke 23:34, Luke 24:6-8**
3. Read **Mark 9:33-34**. The disciples were actually disputing when they asked Jesus a question. *What question do the disciples ask Jesus? What do they want to know (Matthew 18:1)?*  
**Mark 10:45, Luke 9:46, John 13:12-15, James 3:16-17**
4. *What are the criteria to enter the Kingdom of heaven?*  
**Isaiah 45:22, Matthew 18:3, John 3:3-6, Galatians 4:8, 1 Thessalonians 4:5, 1 Peter 2:25**
5. Read **Mark 9:36-37** and **Matthew 18:2-5**. *What does the word "humble" mean? What does it mean to humble yourself? What becomes of the person who humbles themselves before Jesus Christ?*  
**Proverbs 22:4, Matthew 23:13, Luke 18:9-14, Philippians 2:5-8, Colossians 3:12, James 4:6**
6. Discuss the four practical application points about little children from the sermon note sheet.  
**Colossians 3:13, James 4:10**