

Who Is The Greatest? (Luke 9:46-50)

I. The Disciples Argue About Their Greatness (46)

A. Seems Kind of strange after Jesus' humbling of them

1. The disciples still thought the earthly kingdom was coming
2. They were vying for position
3. We do the same
4. Instead of finding our worth in Him alone, we try to earn it

II. The Disciples Learn that Humble Service Defines Greatness (47-50)

A. Jesus Gives them a lesson on Greatness (47-48)

1. The Greatest are Those who Love the Lowly (47-48a)
 - a. Jesus, knowing their hearts, showed them a child (47-48a)
 - b. Jesus showed them that greatness involves receiving the child
 - Very uncommon for great Rabbi's and Leaders to receive children
 - Greatness involves reconciling people to God
 - The lowest people on the social ladder

2. The Greatest Are The Least (48b)

III. The Disciples Learn that Service is Greater than the Servant (49-50)

A. The Disciples Sought Position Instead of Mission (49)

1. John had seen others ministering in Jesus' name
2. John tried to stop them from ministering
 - a. They wanted the position of being in the new Kingdom
 - b. They weren't concerned about the ministry but their role

B. The Disciples are Warned to Value Mission Over Position (50)

1. Jesus commands them not to hinder others
2. Those who are not against the mission are for it.

C. Greatness has to do with the Mission not Position

1. The Disciples are only great when they are humble
2. They are only great when they are on mission