



QUESTIONS JESUS ASKED

Discussion Questions

Week of 2/18/24

Text: Mark 9:33-37

Icebreaker: What makes a person “great” in our society? Name a few examples.

1. Read Mark 9:33-37. What stands out to you from these verses or from the sermon you heard this week? Why?

2. Why do you think Jesus asks this question in verse 33? What do you imagine the disciples felt or thought based on their response in verse 34?

Application: Don’t we know what it’s like to desire greatness!? Has this desire ever caused you to be at odds with other people in your life? Explain.

3. Jesus says in verse 35 that, “If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all.” In what ways does Jesus’s instruction redefine what true greatness is about?

Application: What could it look like for us to “be last of all and servant of all” in the different spheres of our lives (at home, in our workplace, in social settings, etc.)?

4. Jesus illustrates in verses 36-37 the teaching of verse 35. What is it about a child that helps express Jesus’s point?

Application: Who are the people around us who are not considered great by the standards of our day? Who around us is vulnerable and weak and without status?

5. Overall, do you think Jesus is instructing the disciples (and us) to stop desiring greatness or is he redefining what greatness looks like? Explain what you think.

Application: How might this passage impact the way we relate to others around us? How might it change our goals and ambitions?