

## Be Great by Faith in Christ

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Mark 9:30-37

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### **Jesus' School of the Kingdom**

- Jesus wanted time to teach the disciples privately<sup>30-31</sup>
- Teaching background: 8:31,32,34;9:2,14 about kingdom

### **The Hard Reality of the Gospel**

- Jesus taught about His suffering, death & resurrection<sup>31</sup>
- Jesus is clear about His purpose
- Teaching us how bad sin is & how great God's grace is!
- Sin is not just behavior but a matter of our hearts<sup>Mk7:20-23</sup>
- Jesus' work was necessary so God's righteousness was not compromised in redeeming us!
- NEVER forget the hard reality of the Gospel - our hideous sin requires the grace of the Cross of Jesus!

### **A Really Sad Comment 32**

- The disciples didn't get it yet...
- The Gospel is bad news before it becomes good news!
- The plan was in God/Jesus' control<sup>Jn10:17-18</sup>

### **A Separated Conversation**

- Because they didn't understand, disciples separated...
- So they had argument over who was the greatest!
- Sin causes us to forget why we were created (for God)
- Jesus came that we might live for Jesus' glory<sup>2Cor5:15</sup>

### **A Gracious and Compassionate Jesus**

- Disciples didn't want to answer Jesus<sup>33</sup>
- Jesus addressing disciple's attitude toward greatness<sup>35</sup>
- Greatness=an attitude of the heart
- Jesus' life was that of a servant<sup>Mk10:45</sup> not Creator
- This reinforces what Jesus taught<sup>Mk8:35</sup>
- Do you live with this attitude of Gospel greatness?

### **Scripture Examples**

- Put Offs/Ons of Scripture Eph 4; Col 3
- Paul demonstrates w/ communication: Eph 4:29
  - not a focus on vocabulary, but on intent/meaning
  - This is how we live for greatness - glory of God!
- Jesus uses powerless child as an example
- Power of the Gospel>look in faith to God's Grace as you die to self and live for His glory & know peace!