

WHO IS THE GREATEST?

Luke 9:37-50

Key Verse: 9:48

“Then he said to them, ‘Whoever welcomes this little child in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. For it is the one who is least among you all who is the greatest.’”

1. When Jesus and three disciples came down the mountain, what situation did they encounter (37-39)? How had the disciples who did not go up the mountain fail (40)?
2. How does Jesus’ lament reveal the root problem of that generation (41a)? In what sense were they unbelieving and perverse? How did Jesus heal the boy (41b-42)? What was people’s response (43a)?
3. While everyone was marveling at all that Jesus did, what did he tell his disciples (43b-44)? To what should Jesus’ disciples listen carefully and why? What does their response reveal about their spiritual condition (45)?
4. What were they arguing about, and how does this reveal their underlying desire (46)? What did Jesus know about them, and how did he demonstrate true greatness (47-48)? Where does true greatness come from? How is this related to the way of Jesus’s cross?
5. What was John’s problem (49)? How does Jesus’ response reveal his kingdom mindset (50)? How can this passage help you to be a truly great person?