

WELCOME A LITTLE CHILD IN JESUS' NAME

Mark 9:30-50

Key Verse: 9:37

“Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me.”

1. What did Jesus continue to teach his disciples (30-31)? What did Jesus further reveal this time? Instead of taking Jesus' teaching to heart, what did they argue about (32-34)? What does this show about them?
2. What did Jesus teach them about who can be first (35)? What does it mean to be "servant of all"? Read verses 36-37. Why did Jesus demonstrate this by taking a little child? What happens when we welcome a little child in Jesus' name? How is this related to being first?
3. What does John's report to Jesus tell us about him (38)? What instruction did Jesus give and why (39-40)? What does Jesus promise anyone who serves his people (41)? Why did Jesus emphasize "in my name"? How should we view anyone who serves in Jesus' name today?
4. Who are the little ones Jesus is concerned about (42)? What does "stumble" mean, and why is it such a serious matter (43-47)? What does this teach us about being mindful of little ones? In vividly describing hell, how does Jesus warn us (44,46,48)?
5. What does it mean to be salted with fire (49)? What is the function of salt? What are the consequences of losing saltiness, and of having salt among ourselves (50)? How can we be salty?