

11-13-22 Facilitator – The Upside-Down Life Mark 9 vs 30-37 David Springer

1. **Launchers:** How does a person become great? What are the steps of greatness?

2. **Worship:** Read Philippians 2:3-11

Worship the Lord Jesus Christ. Praise Him for His humility, meekness, and heart to serve.

3. **Sermon Reflection: The Upside-Down Life, Mark 9:30-37**

The Disciples' Ascent

- Why doesn't Jesus rebuke the disciples for wanting to be great?
- How does Jesus redirect and shape the disciples view of greatness?
- Why is everyone in heaven free to pursue greatness with all their heart, soul, mind, and strength as an act of worship in love with God, the Father?

Jesus' Descent

- Why does Jesus have to "teach" the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of men and be killed?
- How would you "teach" that? What would be your "why" and the outline of your talk?
- What is the most shocking aspect of Jesus' descent?

Living the Upside-Down Life

- What is the difference between being first and "last of all"?
- What is the difference between being a servant and servant of all?
- If Greatness is defined as "Living Last, Servant of all", how can you practice that this week?

4. **Kingdom Centered Prayer:**

1. Worship the Lord Jesus Christ. Praise Him for His humility, meekness, and heart to serve.
2. In what ways are you tempted to compare and compete with others? Confess your pride, selfishness, and desire to use Jesus to get what you want.
3. Give thanks to the Lord for His mercy and grace. Give thanks to Jesus for His perfect example of humility, service, and sacrifice.
4. Who do you need to consider more important than yourself? Who are the "little ones" that God has put in your path and how can you love and serve them?
5. Ask the Holy Spirit to change your heart. Ask Him to give you a vision for living a life where dying is the path to life.

5. **Mission: Christians are to live a Transfigured Life - Last of all. Servant of all.**

- Think of who has gone last so you could go first. Call them. Text them. Email them. Let them know how much they mean to you. Be grateful. Say thanks. Bless them.
- Think of the coming week. Who is in your life for you to serve and bless? Who can you "let go first" this week?
- How can you "live last" this week? How can you serve all this week? Be creative.