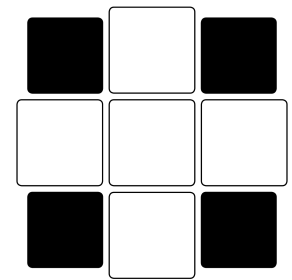


Who is the Greatest?

Scripture: **Luke 9:46–50**

Series: **The Gospel of Luke**

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Overview

This passage describes a petty argument among the disciples about who is the greatest. The argument happens on the heels of Jesus being revealed as the Son of God through His authority over the chaotic sea, His raising a dead girl, the sending out of the twelve to heal, the feeding of the five thousand, Peter's confession of Jesus as Lord, and his transfiguration into glory. The disciples' reasoning portrays their lack of understanding of the true Kingdom economy. We are no different in our misunderstanding today. **Greatness in God's Kingdom is seen in how and whom we serve.**

Corroborating Texts

Philippians 2:3–8; Mark 10:45

Discussion Questions

1. Consider the context for a moment: God, the author of all creation and the One through whom all things hold together, has emptied himself through Jesus Christ by taking on human form to die for the sins of a rebellious people. Now He is subjected to sinful creatures arguing as to who among them is the greatest.
 - a. What do you think causes the disciples to lose sight of their place in God's Kingdom in spite of everything they've experienced? What causes you to lose sight of your place?
 - b. Is Jesus' response to the disciples' argument surprising? What would He be justified in doing? How does this contrast with His actual response?
2. Why did Jesus choose a child to reframe the disciples' understanding of greatness?
3. All of us are tempted to pursue glory through our own definition of greatness. Why is this sinful? [we are worshipping self instead of God, thereby making ourselves out to be God].
4. Does the command to "count others more significant than yourselves" seem overwhelming? How can you do this? [you cannot perfectly, Jesus has done it and forgives your prideful arrogance, now that you have been filled up with grace you are freed and equipped to practice the humble righteousness of our Master]
5. How does this message help you reframe a relationship at home, work or church?