

Contrasting views of greatness:

- The world's view: emphasis on **rank, honor, power, protocol**

- Jesus' view: emphasis on **servicing others**

Gratitude fuels our desire for greatness

Why is serving others greatness?

- It's the proper response of having **received** so much from God

- It's walking in the **footsteps of Jesus** and reflecting the **image** of God.

Small Group Discussion Guide:

- 1) Read Mark 9:30-34. What was Jesus' disciple's idea of greatness?

- 2) How would our society define greatness?

- 3) Read Mark 10:42-45. What is Jesus' idea of greatness?

- 4) Should we have a goal in life to be great?

- 5) What ought to fuel our desire to be great?

- 6) Discuss how our relationship with Christ is to transform our relationships with our spouse, children, neighbors, and co-workers.

- 7) In his book *The Great Divorce* C.S. Lewis portrays people who come closer to God as big people and those who are into themselves as little people. Is this good imagery? Why or why not?

Daily Reading Plan:

This Reading Plan is an aide to help focus on “The Life of Christ” message series. Each week’s reading’s are preparatory for the upcoming message.

Monday - Luke 11; Luke 12

Tuesday - Luke 13

Wednesday - Luke 14

Thursday - Luke 15

Friday - Luke 16

Weekend - Luke 17; Luke 18



Redeeming Notes

Pastor Dave Glesne.....Do You Want to be Great?
October 23, 2005 Matthew 20:25-28

Last Sunday: how we relate to **God** - the vertical dimension

Today: how we relate to **one another** - the horizontal dimension

Jesus came to **serve**

“For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” Mark 10:45

- Jesus talked of his **death**

“He said to them, ‘The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into the hands of men. They will kill him, and after three days he will rise.’” Mark 9:31

- Jesus’ disciples were preoccupied with who is the **greatest** among them.

“But they kept quiet because on the way they had argued about who was the greatest.” Mark 9:34