

TRUE GREATNESS

“...whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant” Mark 10:43.

REFLECT

Jesus revisits an ongoing area of misunderstanding – it’s about greatness. It’s an issue that plagued the disciples who were fighting over being the greatest. Let’s get this clear, it’s not wrong to want to be great. Jesus doesn’t condemn the desire for greatness but defines the standard for true greatness, and gives us the path to achieve it. Aspire for true greatness.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Deep down most of us want to be great, at least in some way. We desire recognition, distinction, or the power, privilege and prestige that we think comes with being great. But how does God define true greatness? Why is our view so messed up most of the time?
2. Can you honestly say, “I am a great athlete? employee? student? boss? husband? wife? parent? Christian? _____ (fill in the blank)? If so, then explain what you think makes that true? If not, then what can you do to answer “yes” in categories that matter most?
3. James and John went behind the backs of the other disciples to try and get an advantage and promotion with Jesus. This is common human behavior. Discuss a time you either tried this, or were the victim of other peoples backhanded schemes. What was the result? How true is this statement “scheming behind people’s backs doesn’t make you great, but diminishes who you are and causes division”?
4. True greatness is to be a servant to all. Ever noticed something that needs to be done and think “well, someone ought to... pick that up... help out... fix that... do something about that...”? Maybe God is telling you that you are the solution – not someone else. Mention a few practical ways YOU can be a servant to all.