

THE CHALLENGE OF GREATNESS

Growth Group Homework

For the Week of March 15, 2009

Mark 9:30-10:45

QUICK REVIEW - Looking back over your sermon notes, what most challenged you, confused you, or caught your attention?

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

1. Share about a time when someone went out of the way to serve you in a meaningful way.

INTO THE BIBLE

2. In **Mark 9:30-32**, Jesus tells the Twelve about His death for the second time of three times. Why do you think the disciples were afraid to ask Jesus about what He meant when He spoke of being killed and rising again?
3. Read **Mark 9:33-34**. What events prior to their argument might have prompted the Twelve to argue over which of them was “the greatest”?
4. What does this argument tell you about their understanding of who Jesus was and why He came?

5. Jesus defined greatness in terms of being a servant. Why do you think Jesus used a child to illustrate His point (**9:36-37**)?
6. What does it mean to welcome/serve “in Jesus’ name” (**9:37,38-39,41**)? Try to give some concrete examples.

BRINGING IT HOME

Jesus told the Twelve, “Whoever is not against us is for us” (**9:40**).

7. Why do you think the Twelve tried to prevent someone who wasn’t part of their group from casting out demons in Jesus’ name?
8. How can you apply this truth to your life in light of the present-day reality of numerous Christian churches?
9. Pray that God will show you one specific way that you can serve one specific person this week.

Questions for this week’s Growth Group homework were adapted from the NavPress Bible Study guide.