

WHO IS THIS MAN?

THE PARADOX OF GREATNESS

Mark 9:30-37 Jeff Schreve

"What were you discussing on the way?" But they kept silent, for on the way they had discussed with one another which of them was the greatest. And sitting down, He called the twelve and said to them, "If anyone wants to be first, he shall be last of all, and servant of all." Mark 9:33-35

What does the Lord teach us about the issue of greatness?

1. The desire to be the greatest is rooted in the flesh.

- A. It is an issue of pride.
- B. It is an issue of comparison.
- C. It is an issue of spiritual insensitivity.

2. True greatness comes when you are the servant of all.

"It is not so among you, but whoever wishes to become great among you shall be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you shall be your slave." Matthew 20:26-27

- A. You are truly humble.
Actually I should have been commended by you, for in no respect was I inferior to the most eminent apostles, even though I am a nobody. 2 Corinthians 12:11
- B. You are truly selfless.
Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind let each of you regard one another as more important than himself. Philippians 2:3
- C. You are truly serving others.

How would your life change, if you became truly great?