

## Don't Go to the Worm!

Mark 9:33-50

1. We Must Be Willing to \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 33-37)
  - a. By setting aside selfish \_\_\_\_\_
    - i. \_\_\_\_\_ of conversation on way to Jerusalem
    - ii. \_\_\_\_\_ glory is desired?
  - b. By taking the position of a \_\_\_\_\_
    - i. Servant sees service as \_\_\_\_\_
    - ii. Servant simply \_\_\_\_\_!
  - c. By receiving those in Christ with \_\_\_\_\_ status
2. We Must Be Willing to \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 38-41)
  - a. With those not in our "\_\_\_\_\_" group
    - i. Exorcist: in the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus
    - ii. John: he wasn't following \_\_\_\_\_!
  - b. With those who might "\_\_\_\_\_" our glory
  - c. With those making the "\_\_\_\_\_" contributions
    - i. An action where a reward is \_\_\_\_\_
    - ii. The \_\_\_\_\_ reward recorded in Mark
3. We Must Be Willing to \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 42-50)
  - a. To protect the "\_\_\_\_\_" believers
    - i. Rather than \_\_\_\_\_ them
    - ii. Rather than deserve terrible \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. To protect against our own \_\_\_\_\_
    - i. Which \_\_\_\_\_ ourselves
    - ii. In \_\_\_\_\_ sphere of life
    - iii. Which threaten us with \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. To protect our \_\_\_\_\_ and identity
    - i. A \_\_\_\_\_ life
    - ii. A \_\_\_\_\_ life
    - iii. A life that leads to \_\_\_\_\_ with each other

*At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, 'Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?' And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them and said, 'Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.'*  
Matthew 18:1-4

*'Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes!'*  
Matthew 18:7

## Notes for Further Study

1. Do you strive to be number one?
  - a. Read Daniel 5 or Acts 12:20-23. What is the worst that can happen to someone striving to be "#1?"
  - b. Read Colossians 3:22-24. What is the difference between "doing your best" and "being number one?"
  - c. Read Matthew 20:26-28 and John 13:12-17. Discuss what it means to be a servant and how Christ set an example for us.
  - d. Read verse 37 with Matthew 18:1-4 above. How do we enter God's Kingdom? Who is great in the Kingdom?
2. Are you jealous of other believers?
  - a. Read Numbers 11:24-30. What lesson did Joshua learn?
  - b. Read Philippians 1:15-18. What does Paul have to say about being jealous of other believers?
  - c. Does this mean we shouldn't take our theology or the discipline (discipleship) of our body seriously?
3. Are you willing to be a "living sacrifice" to the Lord (Ro. 12:1)?
  - a. Read Ezekiel 34:1-10; 20-24. Why is the LORD so stringent about calling out bad shepherds? What do they deserve? Does it end at shepherds (look at Mark 9:42)?
  - b. Read Proverbs 6:16-19. What do each of the body parts in Mark 9 (hands, feet, eyes) represent? What radical actions are you willing or need to take to follow this teaching?
  - c. Why does Jesus mention Gehenna three times in this passage? Read Isaiah 66:15-24. What does the Bible teach about unbelievers and hell?
  - d. Read Leviticus 2:13. What is salt associated with? In what three ways should salt remind us to live as believers?