

Luke 22:24-30

Disciples Dispute

Introduction:

When we think of disputes they have gone on for centuries, throughout the history of mankind. Dictionary: "A dispute is to engage in an argument, a wrangle or quarrel, calling into question a proposal." The President of the United States has no power to legislate, but he does have power to propose his agenda; not everyone agrees, sometimes there is a great dispute in Congress about it. How do you resolve a dispute? Well, according to our Constitution, the agenda is put to a vote, to pass or to strike down. Our Presbyterian form of government existed long before the United States became a Nation. The docket of Synod's agenda and the issues at hand are not easily accepted; so, it must be taken for a vote after a great deal of deliberation and understanding of what the Scriptures teach. Some doctrines are non-negotiable like the doctrine of salvation, but other doctrines must be given flexibility because not all Biblical Theology is to be dogmatic. Jesus solved the disciples dispute with enormous wisdom. "Serve One Another!" He is our example – Gal. 5:13

I. Reprehensible Behavior – v. 24-25

A. **The Chronology of this account appears to be before the Passover – (Matt. 18:1; Mark 9:34. Luke 9:46)**

B. **Who is the greatest in the Kingdom of God?**

1. Behavior – We must accept one another because we are in Christ
2. Attitude of selfishness – Turn Back to Luke 9:46-48
3. Egotistical – v.25

C. **What is a Benefactor?**

1. A person who lord's it over the people – II Cor. 1:24
2. Christians should know better than to act that way – Matt. 23:11

II. True Leadership – v.26-30

A. **Leaders must be servants – v.26**

1. Even Jesus our Lord had authority over Himself – John 17:2; 5:27
2. The story of the centurion's servant – Matt. 8:5-10

B. **Elders in the church have authority over them – I Tim. 4:14**

1. Teaching Elders and Ruling Elders – I Tim. 5:17,18
2. Jesus spent much of His time teaching the apostles
3. Elders must serve by praying, teaching and giving counsel – I Kings 12:1-13

C. **Jesus is the One who serves – washing the feet of the apostles – John 13:1-11**

D. **Leaders must be loyal – v.28**

1. Many dissented but the apostles remained loyal and faithful – John 6:22-27
2. Thomas expressed loyalty, even to die with Jesus – John 11:16
3. Peter's was sincere when he affirmed, he would never deny the Lord – Luke 22:33

E. **God's Kingdom – v.29-30**

1. Despite the disciple's weakness (and ours) Jesus loves and grants to them an eternal Kingdom v.29,30
2. The word "grant" is the word for "Covenant promise" – John 3:3; Rev. 3:21
3. Reward – v.30 Celebrating in Jesus' Kingdom – (Rom. 11:26; Gal. 6:16; R3v. 21:27; II Tim. 2:11,12)