



**Life Group Discussion Guide**  
**Conversations with Jesus**  
**Jesus with the Disciples – Mark 9:33-50**

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Main thought: Jesus' teaching on greatness involves being a servant to all, being kingdom minded, and being willing to yield our whole life to Him.

Outline

1. Look for ways to love and serve ALL people. (33-37)
2. Long for the advancement of God's Kingdom not your own. (38-42)
3. Learn to surrender your whole life to Christ. (43-50)

Welcome and Fellowship Time (suggested time 10 min)

Open in Prayer

Week in Review (suggested sharing time 5-10 min)

- What did you do with the treasure of God's salvation this last week?

Discussion Starter (suggested sharing time 5 min)

- Share something you've always wanted to be great at.
- *Bonus – Share something you think someone else in the group is great at.*

Sermon Review (suggested time 20 min)

Review Mark 9:33-50 and discuss the following questions.

- What stood out to you from this passage/message?
- Jesus says in Mark 9:35 that, "If anyone wants to be first, he must be the very last, and the servant of all."
  - Talk about what this means and what it looks like in reality.
  - When and where is this challenging for us to do?
- Why did the disciples tell the person who was driving out demons in Jesus name to stop?
  - What implications did the disciple's actions have on the people who were hurting and seeking to be healed by the man driving out demons?



- What insight does this give us into the damage of jealousy not just in our lives but in the lives of others?
- Which of the 3 Kingdom mindsets shared on Sunday did you feel most challenged to grow in.
  - Kingdom minded people
    - Sacrifice for the benefit of others
    - Celebrate the success of others
    - Give their best away

Digging Deeper (suggested time 15 min)

Read Hebrews 12:1-3. The author of Hebrews talks about throwing off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles.

- How is the emphasis on throwing off similar to what Jesus taught in Mark 9 about cutting off?
- How is this a helpful picture regarding the sin and struggles in our life that cause us to stumble?
- What hope and help do we see in this passage when it comes to dealing with our sin?

Application (suggested time 10 minutes)

- The first step in yielding your whole life to Jesus is to trust in His death and resurrection for forgiveness and hope. Have you surrendered your life to Him and His saving work?
- What practical step or tangible act can you take this week to grow in “greatness” as Jesus defines it in Mark 9?
- Please take some additional time to pray for specific churches you know in the area, and the church leaders, and for God’s kingdom to advance in the Tri-Cities through His Church.

Group Prayer Requests: (Suggested Time 10 minutes)

Spend time praying for each other & praying for application of the study in the lives of the group members. (Suggested time 10 minutes)