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## **SERMON NOTES AND SCRIPTURE**

### **Mark 9:30–37 (NIV)**

30 They left that place and passed through Galilee. Jesus did not want anyone to know where they were, 31 because he was teaching his disciples. He said to them, “The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men. They will kill him, and after three days he will rise.” 32 But they did not understand what he meant and were afraid to ask him about it.

31 He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again.

33 They came to Capernaum. When he was in the house, he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the road?” 34 But they kept quiet because on the way they had argued about who was the greatest.

35 Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, “Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all.”

36 He took a little child whom he placed among them. Taking the child in his arms, he said to them, 37 “Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me.”

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### **Philippians 2:1–7 (NIV)**

1 Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, 2 then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. 3 Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, 4 not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

5 In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

6 Who, being in very nature God,  
did not consider equality with God  
something to be used to his own advantage;  
7 rather, he made himself nothing  
by taking the very nature of a servant,  
being made in human likeness.

### **Mark 10:42-45 (NIV)**

42 Jesus called them together and said, “You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. 43 Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, 44 and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. 45 For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

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## **GROUP DISCUSSION**

**Read the passage in Mark as a group.**

**As you think about Jesus and how he lived his life, (Mark 9, Philippians 2) and how James 2 says to live, what ways do we see Jesus establishing His kingdom as different from the world?**

**Have you ever seen that counter cultural way of life that Jesus teaches in anyone in our life group? When?**

**Pastor Luke said, “We are never more Christ-like than when we are serving, but we are never more culture-like than when we expect to be served.” Discuss this statement with your group.**

**What areas of faith does Jesus want you to exercise in your life?**