

**Message Series:** ALL IN – A Relationship Series, week 3

**Message Title:** What is Greatness?

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**Message Summary:** Greatness nearly always requires more than one person to be involved. There are two critical areas necessary to experience life according to God's design.

- a. Our personal commitment and journey to become more like Christ
  - my form (the person I am becoming) Galatians 5:22-26
  - my function (the specific role and gifts God has entrusted to me) 1 Corinthians 12:12-30
- b. How I relate to others, not simply to "get along" but to be productive in accomplishing a vision bigger than anything I could accomplish on my own. For example, the expansion of God's Kingdom on earth!

**Leaders:** The questions that follow are designed to stir reflection and discussion. Please read through them prior to your meeting, so you can be prepared to prayerfully pace your group well. Feel free to write your answers down and make notes so you are prepared to lead your group. And remember, as leader, your goal is to promote increased *biblical* awareness, as well as individual *self-awareness* – a combination that with the help of the Holy Spirit, results in revelation and...transformation!

**Below you will find questions that relate to the primary scripture and additional scripture. There will be other reflective questions intended for group discussion and application.**

1. Pastor Ken mentioned the Great Pyramids, Roman Coliseum, Great Wall of China, Hoover Dam and Freedom Tower. Has anyone in your group visited these places in person? If so what was the feeling like? Do you think the bigger the project the higher the mandate becomes to have many people involved? What are some "big" projects you have been involved in? How important was communication and coordination between individual members?

2. Some projects are easier to do by yourself. Why is that? How does choosing to do life "alone" hurt us and limit our contribution to the kingdom of God?

- **First let's look at our personal development journey and the work we need to do become more like Christ.**

1. Read Luke 2:52. Why is it easy to notice "growth" in your children or others as they grow and mature? Have you ever seen "old" pictures of your kids or yourself and been surprised by the "change" that occurred? Why do we not see it day by day? If you could look back at a "snapshot" of your spiritual life from one year ago or five years ago... how much have you "changed" spiritually?

2. Pastor Ken mentioned athletes don't get bigger, stronger and faster by hanging out on campus. What are some of the routines or practices (putting in work) you have found that help you develop and be in the place where God can do His work in your life?

Read I Corinthians chapters 12 and 13. What do you hear in scripture regarding the person we are to become AND the role we are to perform?

Read Psalms 33:1-3. Describe joyfully and skillfully from this passage. What does this mean for your life?

Additional scripture: Ephesians 2:10

➤ **Discover my gift ~ Develop my gift ~ Plug in and relate to one another**

When you realize Jesus no longer walks the earth in a physical body, yet now we are His body here on earth, how does that make you feel?

1. Pastor Ken talked about how important it is when we come together to relate to one another in humility and respect (Philippians 2:1-4) and how we are to relate to each other in light of the ultimate vision and goal of Christ... to see His church built.

Here are additional scriptures.

Proverbs 15:33; Micah 6:1-8; Ephesians 4:1-6

2. Read Ephesians 3:1-13. What does this passage reveal as the purpose of the church? What helps you remain focused on this purpose? What things tend to pull you off focus?

Additional scripture. 2 Peter 3:9

➤ **Final Response**

1. How well do you feel you are doing at "put in your work" to become more like Christ realizing it's the Lord who actually does the change? How could other members of your group support and encourage you?

2. Do you feel you have discovered your gift / place in ministry yet? Are you working to develop your gift? Have you attended DISCOVER CYPRESS yet?

3. What is one area you could work on as it comes to "relating with others" to see God's great work accomplished?