

Sermon Outline

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May 5, 2024

“True Greatness”
Pastor Corey Kugle

Mark 9:30-50

Introduction

1. Jesus’ Road to True Greatness (vv. 30-32)

- A. It was the pre-determined plan of God for Jesus to die by the hands of men (v. 31; Is. 53:6,12)

- B. This is the second prediction of His death (the first: 8:31-33)

2. True Greatness is about Serving Others (vv. 33-37)

- A. Guard against pride and status (vv. 33-34)

- B. The first is last (v. 35)

- C. We serve Jesus & God the Father by serving the least (vv. 36-37; Matt. 25:40)

- D. This is what Jesus modeled (Mk. 10:45)

3. True Greatness Acknowledges the Contributions of Others to the Kingdom (vv.38-42)

- A. Don't be spiritually self-focused (v. 38; Lk. 10:9,17)
- B. The breadth of God's people (vv. 39-40; Matt. 12:30)
- C. The promise of reward for anyone who supports God's people (v. 41)
- D. The severe consequence for causing spiritual harm to God's people (v. 42)

4. True Greatness is Costly (vv. 43-50)

- A. Nothing is as valuable as the Kingdom of God (v. 43-48; Is. 66:24)
- B. Believers grow through hardship (vv. 49-50; Rom. 5:3-4; Jam. 1:2-4)
 - i. Stay the course (v. 50a)
 - ii. Stay together (v.50b)

*** True Greatness is Found in Following the Greatest Servant, Jesus Christ (Phil. 2:6-8)***

What's Next?

- May 12 (Mother's Day), "True Greatness Illustrated" – Ruth, Pastor Corey Kugle
- May 19 (Graduation Sunday), "Founded on the Rock" – Matt. 7:24-29, Pastor Brendan Keener