



Title: GREATNESS DEFINED

Main Scripture: Mark 9:33-37

Genesis 2-3; Mark 8:31-32, 9:42, 10:13-16; Ephesians 2:10; Philippians 2:1-8

Being great isn't about expecting to be served;
it is about serving to expectation!

- Each of us is created to do good things
- Serving is discovering
- Jesus-like or Not so Jesus-like

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Small Group Sermon Study | Mark 9:33-37

Prayer: *Father, we thank You for who you are. May we be renewed and transformed through the study of Your word. Holy Spirit, lead us as we read, discern and discuss this passage together. In Jesus' name, amen.*

Icebreaker: Can you think of a time when you observed someone who expected to be served? What was that like? What feelings or reactions did that prompt in you, and why?

Read the key passage(s) of Scripture from the message and review the sermon notes, then answer the following questions:

1. What did you like or appreciate about this message? What really hit home for you?
2. What does “serving to expectation” mean to you? Is this the same for everyone?
3. Let’s get very real for a moment: how have we experienced or observed the “expecting to be served” attitude within our small group? Have we ever? Are we willing to talk about it and wrestle with this together?
4. Now let’s look at the other side of this: how have we experienced or observed the “serving to expectation” attitude within our small group? Who can you affirm and appreciate here today for exemplifying this?
5. Finally, how might we – together as a group – serve to expectation *outside* of our group? Where are there opportunities to live out “the last shall be first” in real life in which we could participate? And can we commit, today, to doing something concrete very soon?

Personal Reflection: Spend a few minutes in silent prayer, asking Jesus to speak to you personally about how you respond to Him and how you live as He would want you to. Then reflect on the following questions:

- What am I hearing from Jesus?
- What emotions does this stir up in me, and why?
- How will I respond this week to what He shows me?

Prayer: *Close in prayer together, praying for one another and for the group as a whole, that God would help us and guide us as we practice serving to expectation!*