

# The Greatest

Sunday, March 4, 2018

Mark 9:30-37

## Two Stories

### The Road to the Cross (30-32)

- A focus for Jesus with his disciples

### Who is the Greatest (33-37)

- Familiar folks

### Side by Side

- A contrast that clarifies
- Two utterly different ways

## Greatness

### This is Everywhere!

- This quality seen in the disciples ...
- Is everywhere there are people
- Source of tremendous trouble and pain

### Jesus is the Greatest

- Message: Counter-Cultural; Counter-Intuitive
- But deeply convincing è Christian Worship
- Cross: Jesus taught and lived this message

## What was Jesus Up To?

### Jesus Agenda

- What Jesus could do, but didn't
- What Jesus did do ...

### The Cross and our Deep Need

- Selfishness; Desire to be the Greatest
- See it; See an alternative
- Information; Transformation; Formation

# Lent – Week 3

## Reading - Mark 9:30–37 (NIV)

<sup>30</sup>They left that place and passed through Galilee. Jesus did not want anyone to know where they were, <sup>31</sup>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.” <sup>32</sup>But they did not understand what he meant and were afraid to ask him about it.

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

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

<sup>36</sup>He took a little child whom he placed among them. Taking the child in his arms, he said to them, <sup>37</sup>“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.”

## A Collect for the Third Sunday in Lent

Almighty God,  
you know that we have no power  
in ourselves to help ourselves:

Keep us both outwardly in our bodies  
and inwardly in our souls,  
that we may be defended from all adversities  
which may happen to the body,  
and from all evil thoughts  
which may assault and hurt the soul;

through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.