

Series "The God Who Serves"
"Get Over Yourself"
Mark 9:30-41
Study-34

Humility – is a compound word: "to think or judge with lowliness, humbleness of mind, having a humble opinion of one's self; a deep sense of one's (moral) littleness; modesty."

"Pride is competing with God, humility is submitting to God."
Matt. 5:3

This passage is recorded in Matt 17:22-23; 18:1-6; Mark 9:30-41; Luke 9:44-50.

Mark 9:14-10:52 – Lessons For Discipleship

Mark 9:30-41 – Lesson On Humility

Thought Of Our Passage: "God's Servant's Greatness Is Derived From Following And Becoming Like The God Who Humbly Came To Serve."

- 1. Verses 30-32 – Humility Modeled By Jesus Christ**
- 2. Verses 33-41 – Humility Needed For Discipleship**

1. Verses 30-32 – Humility Modeled By Jesus Christ:

Mark 9:30

"they went out and began to go through Galilee," – Jesus travels 25 miles south

"and He was unwilling for anyone to know about it." – Jesus has changed from "Public" to "Private" instruction.

Mark 9:31

"The Son of Man" – a Messianic title that was used by the prophet Daniel; Dan. 7

Luke 9:44 – "Let these words sink into your ears;"

2nd Prediction Of The Cross Of Christ: "is to be delivered into the hands of men,"

“delivered” – “betray, to hand over, to give over”

The Cross – The Supreme Example Of Humility: “and they will kill Him;” – speaks of “violently being slaughtered”

Mark 9: 32

Matthew 17:23 – “And they were deeply grieved.”

Mark 8: 32-33

2. Verses 33-41 – Humility Needed For Discipleship:

Mark 9: 33

Pride Destroys Unity: “What were you discussing” – Luke 9:46 – “An Argument arose”

Mark 9: 34

Mark 10: 35-41

Luke 9:47 – “But Jesus, knowing what they were thinking in their heart,”

Jesus spoke of Suffering; they Spoke of Selfish Ambition; Jesus Spoke of the Cross; they the Crown.

Galatians 6: 3

The Only Place For The Disciple Of Jesus Is To Fix Their Eyes On Jesus.

Mark 9: 35

God's Mark Of True Greatness Involves 3 Areas:

1. Ministry With A Servant's Attitude – “If anyone wants to be first, (great) he shall be last of all, and servant of all.”

“If anyone wants to be first,” – (The true way of greatness is not by seeking to be first, it is the willingness to be last!)

“servant” – we get the word Deacon, “raising dust by hastening”; to run on errands, an attendant, a waiter at a table or in other menial duties”

World's greatness is ruling; Christian's greatness is serving!

True Humility Involves:

- The Realization That We Are Sinners
- The Standard And Focus Of Our Daily Lives Is Jesus, Not Self

Phil. 2: 3-5

John 13 – Washed the disciples feet

2. Ministry With Open Arms – Mark 9: 36-37

“Whoever receives one child like this in My name receives Me;”
– When a believer comes to you, Christ comes to you. How you treat another believer is how you treat Christ.

God’s servants are to welcome and treat with kindness even the least, as exemplified by a little child.

James 2: 1-4

“When the least is the greatest, all are great and the search for greatness becomes unnecessary.”

3. Ministry With A Patient Attitude – Mark 9: 38

“and we tried to hinder him” – “lopped, clipped, to cut off, cut short, to hinder, to prevent, to forbid”

Philippians 1: 18

Num. 11: 27-29

John 3: 26-30

Mark 9: 39-40

Mark 9: 40 – (Passage Deals With Attitudes, Faith)

Matthew 12: 30; Luke 11: 23 (Passage Deals With Actions, Practice)

Mark 9: 41

Humility Brings Rewards: “he shall not lose his reward.”

Application:

1. The Great Danger Of Seeing Myself As Special And To Be Lifted Up In Pride Instead Of Humbled By His Grace.
2. To Be Willing To Lay Aside Personal Hopes For Success And Surrender To Obedient Service Is True Greatness.
3. To Be Flexible In Allowing God To Be God By Using Different People In Different Ways.