

## **The Greatest in the Kingdom**

### **Discussion Questions for Mark 9:33-37**

#### **Open It**

1. What makes a person look prestigious or “respectable” in our society?
2. Whom do you consider to be a great person? Why?

#### **Explore It**

1. What did Jesus ask the disciples when they got to Capernaum? (9:33)
2. Why did the disciples suddenly stop talking? (9:33–34)
3. How did Jesus get His disciples’ attention? (9:33–34)
4. What does the disciples’ argument tell you about their understanding of who Jesus was and why He had come? (9:33–34)
5. Why were the disciples embarrassed to answer Jesus’ question? (9:34)
6. How did Jesus explain what it means to be great? (9:35)
7. What kind of person tries to be a servant? (9:35)
8. How did Jesus illustrate His point? (9:36)
9. What did Jesus say about children? (9:37)
10. How is it possible to welcome God? (9:37)

#### **Get It**

1. What does it mean to be a servant of all?
2. What does it mean to welcome someone in Jesus’ name?
3. What does it mean to be great in God’s eyes?
4. How can a person become great in God’s eyes?
5. Why do you think Jesus used a child to illustrate His point?
6. How can you welcome someone in Jesus’ name?
7. What sorts of issues cause ill will among Christians today?
8. How do we strive to be the “greatest”?
9. How can you become a “servant of all” in your everyday actions and attitudes?
10. What does this passage tell us about Jesus’ attitude toward children and other weaker members of society?

11. How should we treat people of “lower status”?

12. What attitude change do you want to make in light of the principles you discovered in this passage?

**Apply It**

1. What is one concrete way you can serve another person this week?

2. In what specific situation can you consciously choose to be a servant for Christ’s sake sometime this next week?