

WHO IS THE GREATEST?

Luke 9:37-50

Key verse: 48

Discussion questions:

- How should the church help an unbelieving and perverse generation?
- What does Jesus teach about true greatness as compared to what people today define greatness?

Inductive study questions:

1. Where was Jesus coming from? (28-30, 37) What was the desperate plea of a father? (38-39) How might the disciples have felt from this failure of driving out the evil spirit? (40) How might the father have felt?
2. What do Jesus' words imply in calling them an "unbelieving and perverse generation"? (41) How did Jesus restore the boy to his father? (42) What is the "greatness of God" that amazes? (43)
3. What message did Jesus give his disciples for them to understand and accept deep in their hearts? (43b-44) Why couldn't the disciples understand? (45) What was on the mind of the disciples? (46)
4. What does Jesus teach about greatness? (47-48) How does this contrast with what the disciples and people today might think about greatness? What other way were the disciples' thoughts in great contrast to Jesus'? (49-50)