

Reflection Questions: How am I most tempted to compare myself with others, to figure out who is the greatest? In what ways do I find it difficult to serve others? How can I overcome this? Am I living so as to be first in Jesus' kingdom? Where can I serve others better?

How can we pray for one another and our church this week?



The Last is First

Sermon
Notes

October 15, 2023

1. The Example of Humility (30-32)

2. The Instruction on Humility (33-37)

3. The Application

Quotes to Ponder

*It was pride that changed angels into devils;
it is humility that makes men as angels.*

Augustine

It horribly skews the meaning of the cross when contemporary prophets of self-esteem say that the cross is a witness to my infinite worth. The biblical perspective is that the cross is a witness to the infinite worth of God's glory, and a witness to the immensity of the sin of my pride.

John Piper

How can anyone be arrogant when he stands beside the cross?

Carl Henry

Inspire others to outdo one another in selflessness.

David Garland

Every fallen human heart is a relentless worshiper of itself; fallen human nature is dominated by pride.

John MacArthur

When you do the common things in life in an uncommon way, you will command the attention of the world.

George Washington Carver

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1. What in the text/sermon impacted you? Encouraged you? Convicted you? Challenged you? Confused you? Comforted you?

2. Read the following accounts, noting what you learn from each. Are there any contradictions? If so, how do you resolve them?
Matthew 17:22-23; 18:1-5 —

Mark 9:30-37 —

Luke 9:43b-48 —

3. Why doesn't Jesus want anyone to know when He traveled with His disciples through Galilee (*Mark 9:30-31*)?

4. What does Jesus mean when He says He's *to be delivered into the hands of men* (*Mark 9:31*)?

What do the following verses say about this?
Acts 2:23 — *Romans 8:32* —

Romans 4:25 —

5. How does Jesus' second prediction of His suffering and death (*Mark 9:31*) compare with His first (*Mark 8:31*)?

6. Why were the disciples *afraid to ask* Jesus about what He said about His death and resurrection (*Mark 9:31-32*)?

7. What do the disciples do that shows they were blind to the meaning of the cross (*Mark 9:32-34*)?

8. How does Jesus address the disciples' arrogance (*Mark 9:35-37*)?

9. Why does Jesus use a child as an illustration (*Mark 9:36-37*)? What is His point?

10. How does Jesus demonstrate what He says in *Mark 9:35* in His own life?

11. What do you think are some connections between Jesus' passion prediction (*Mark 9:30-32*) and His teaching of discipleship (*Mark 9:33-37*)?

12. What do the following verses say about pride?
Proverbs 11:2 — *Isaiah 2:12, 17* —

Proverbs 16:5, 18 — *Mark 7:20-22* —

Proverbs 28:25 — *James 4:6* —

Proverbs 29:23 — *1 Peter 5:15* —

13. What do the following verses say about humility?
Isaiah 66:2 — *Ephesians 4:1-2* —

Micah 6:8 — *Philippians 2:3* —

Luke 14:11 — *Colossians 3:12* —