

# Sunday Sermon Questions • 4/27/2025

## Mark 9:30-37

### Fear and Understanding

Why do you think the disciples were afraid to ask Jesus to explain what He meant about His death and resurrection?

How does fear or pride sometimes keep us from seeking understanding or clarity in our faith journey?

### Redefining Greatness

Jesus redefines greatness by saying, "Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all."

What does this definition of greatness challenge in our own lives, especially in a culture that often values status and recognition?

### Welcoming the Least

What does Jesus' act of embracing a child teach us about how we are to treat those who may seem "less important" by the world's standards?

Who in your life or community could use a welcome or embrace right now?

### The Cost of Pride

How have you seen pride create division, forfeit honor, or lead to exclusivity either in your own life or within the church?

What are some practical steps we can take to guard our hearts against pride?

### Celebrating the Work of God in Others

Jesus encourages us to celebrate when we see God working through others, even when they're not part of our "group."

How can we be more intentional about honoring and supporting the broader body of Christ rather than falling into comparison or competition?

### Prayer Prompt:

Lord Jesus, thank You for showing us that true greatness is found in humility and service. Teach us to be servants of all—not for recognition, but because we want to follow You more closely. Forgive us when pride creeps in and divides our hearts or relationships. Help us to welcome others with Your love, to celebrate the work You're doing through Your people, and to walk humbly with You each day. Amen.