
Date: July 2, 2023 **Message:** The Path to Greatness

Series: Gospel of Mark **Scripture:** Mark 9:30-50

Redefining greatness:

Our *true* enemy:

A question the disciples were afraid to ask:

Questions for Reflection and Discussion

Mark 9:30-50

1. Why might Jesus have chosen to teach the disciples privately at this particular stage of his ministry (v. 30)?
2. What is significant about the fact that the Son of Man would be "delivered into the hands of men" (v. 31)?
3. Why didn't the disciples understand, and why were they afraid to ask Jesus what he meant (v. 32)?
4. What evidence do you see in our culture that, before salvation, we are addicted to ourselves and to our own self-interests? How does that temptation persist even after we become Christ-followers?
5. What is Jesus' object lesson with the child intended to illustrate?
6. How do vv. 38-41 support a spirit of gracious cooperation among *all* Christian believers? What examples of divisiveness among believers have you seen that run contrary to a spirit of cooperation?
7. What should Christian individuals do to be "salt" in their families and neighborhoods? What should the church as a body do to be salt in the world?
8. How is humility a key attribute of greatness?