

# The Greatest

## Jesus: God Revealed!

Sermon Discussion Guide for the week of July 1, 2015

**Main Point: Jesus' definition of greatness is different than ours.**

**Luke 9:46-48, Mark 10:32-45**

### CONNECT

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What did you want to be great at when you were growing up?

Tom Brokaw wrote a book called *The Greatest Generation*, which generation do you think is the greatest? Why?

How would you define greatness?

### LEARN

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#### HAVE A VOLUNTEER READ Mark 10: 35-40

James and John were asking to be Jesus' "top" disciples. Sitting at the right and left hand of the ruler were the positions of power. Do you think James and John were wrong for asking for this? Why?

Why do you think James and John asked Jesus for confirmation he would do what they asked before they asked him to sit on his right and left?

Jesus highlighted his upcoming death and resurrection in his answer to them. Why do you think James and John responded that they could follow Jesus when following him meant death?

#### HAVE A VOLUNTEER READ Mark 10: 41-45

Why do you think the other disciples were indignant with James and John?

What does Jesus' response tell us about the priorities in the Kingdom of God?

What are some things in your life that you use to evaluate your value or level of greatness?

When you hear how Jesus describes greatness what do you think?

Why do you think we consider people who are great but humble as better than people who are great but proud?

What do you think it means to be a slave or servant of all?

### SERVE

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What are some practical ways to choose to pursue servanthood?

How does understanding Jesus' definition of greatness change the way you think about being great in your life?

What areas of your life are the hardest places to be a servant?

Many of us feel like we are doing okay because we compare ourselves to others. What would it look like if we asked ourselves the question “What would someone Jesus considers great do?” when we are facing a decision?

## **PRAYER**

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Spend time praying that we would look to Jesus as our example of greatness. Ask God to remind your group this week that we are supposed to be pursuing greatness in the Kingdom of God.



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