

MY LIFE

Part 3: Greatness in the Making

INTRODUCTION

Our culture loves to compare things, to discuss who runs the fastest, throws the furthest, gets the highest grade, or makes the most money. Every person, at least on some level, wishes to be great, to be the best at something, to make a mark and be seen as someone who matters. But how does somebody become great?

This isn't a new question; Jesus' followers felt this same tension. Their question and his answer are as relevant today as it was the day the conversation occurred.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Have you ever read the Guinness Book of World Records? There is literally a record for just about anything you can think of. Why do you think human beings have such a desire to rank and evaluate things, even otherwise trivial things? Is this a good or a bad thing?
2. Read Mark 10:35-45. Why do you think the disciples did not yet understand what Jesus thought made someone great? Where do we as a culture generally get our ideas of greatness from?
3. Why do you think Jesus' concept of greatness differed from the "Gentile" way in the passage? Jesus could have made himself a more conventional king, why do you think he didn't use his power to his advantage?
4. Given whatever talents & abilities you have, how are you using them to serve people? Have you found your place in serving others? What might your next step in service look like?

MOVING FORWARD

According to Jesus, anyone is capable of being great, but few truly achieve it. This week is a chance to evaluate how you are using your life to serve other people. Whether it's among your family, friends, coworkers, or your church, find a way to serve people around you. Serving strategically helps the church move forward together!

CHANGING YOUR MIND

"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." Mark 10:45