

Week 23
Mark 9:30-50
Discussion Guide

What is the effect of continually using the term “Son of Man” each time Jesus teaches about his death (8:31; 9:12; 9:31)? (Read Daniel 7:9-15 and ask what kind of figure this is.) What is Jesus trying to get across?

How does the disciples' argument on the road (verses 33-34) show why they could not grasp the teaching of Jesus' impending death?

In verses 36-37, Jesus likens true discipleship to child-nurture. What is he teaching us about himself and us from this metaphor?

What is Jesus telling us about the kind of people we should minister to by this metaphor of child-nurture?

Now look more carefully at the phrase “welcome in my name.” What does this phrase show us about how we are to serve one another?

What do we learn about the disciples from what John did to the man in verse 38?

Jesus' reply to John continues through verses 39-50. Read these not as a random collection of sayings but as a series of responses to the disciples' mistake about the “other disciple.”

Jesus speaks more often about hell than any other person in the Bible. What does he tell us here? What are the implications of this?

How can we live out the truth found in this study?

What evidence is manifest in our current culture that, before redemption, we are addicted to ourselves? How does that temptation persist even after we are saved?

Some skeptics contend that the disciples made up the resurrection story. How does 9:31-32 argue against this notion?

How is pride viewed in our current culture? Is this the same kind of pride that is condemned in the Bible, or is it different?

How does Jesus redefine aspiring to greatness and seeking a reward? How does this fit together with Him condemning pride and encouraging sacrificial service?

How does 9:39-40 support cooperation among Christian churches of various denominations? Do you tend to resist such ideas? Why?

What are some examples of giving a cup of water? How does doing it in Jesus' name and belonging to the Messiah further define this good deed?

Can hell still serve as a motivation for repentance, or should Christians avoid speaking about hell?

Why did Jesus use hyperbole to warn us about temptation and hell? Does this mean His words are not really, literally true?

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?

Do you know someone who is little known and unnoticed but who is probably a spiritual superstar in God's eyes? What aspects of that person's life are worthy of imitation?

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