“THE SERVANT OF ALL”

Mark 9:30–10:16

Key Verse: 9:35

1. Where did Jesus go and why? (30,31a) What did he tell them would happen to him? (31b; 8:31,32) How might this be hard for them to understand? (32a) Why might they be afraid to ask him about it? (32b) What is the significance of what Jesus would do?
2. At the house in Capernaum, what did Jesus ask his disciples? (33) Why wouldn’t they tell him? (34) What could have stirred this argument? What is good/bad about wanting to be “the greatest”?
3. Read verse 35. What does it mean to be “last”? The “servant of all”? Why should we? (Php2:3–11) Think about all that is involved in “welcoming” a little child (36,37). What does it mean to do it “in Jesus’ name”? How would Jesus become “the servant of all”? (31b; cf. verse 45) What can we learn from Jesus here?
4. What did John say, and why? (38) How had he missed the point of Jesus’ teaching? How does Jesus’ respond? (39–41) What can we learn here about how to see others who serve in Jesus’ name?
5. What does Jesus say about those who cause one of his “little ones” to stumble? (42) What does it mean to cause someone to “stumble”? What does it mean to “cut it off”? (43–47a) How does Jesus describe hell, and how does this help us refrain from sinning? (47b–49) What does Jesus mean by “saltiness”? (50)
6. Where did Jesus go, who came to him and what did he do? (10:1) What did the Pharisees ask, and how was it a test? (2) What was Jesus say, and why? (3) What was the social context for the certificate of divorce? (4.5) What does Jesus say about God’s intention for marriage? (6–9) When the disciples asked, what did Jesus teach? (10–12)
7. Why were people bringing children to Jesus, and how did the disciples respond? (13; cf. 9:36,37) How did Jesus respond, and what did he say? (14) What does Jesus want us to learn from little children? (15) What does it mean to receive the kingdom like a little child? What can we learn from Jesus in this passage? (10:16; 9:35)