

FOLLOWING JESUS

A STUDY IN THE GOSPEL OF MARK

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Mark 9:33-37

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or a _____ of _____
Philippians 2:3-4, Romans 12:3

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not something we _____
Philippians 2:5-8, Matthew 20:24-28, Ephesians 4:2,

Who Is The Greatest? - Mark 9:33-50

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Philippians 2:6-11

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Memory Verse

"Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave — just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Matthew 20:26-28

MY NEXT STEP IS TO . . .

- ☐ Place my trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and begin to follow Him for the first time today
- ☐ Memorize Matthew 20:26-28
- ☐ Ask God to help me to grow in humility - not so I can be proud of my humility - but so I can be more like Jesus
- ☐ Get the most out of this weekend's teaching by attending my Life group this week



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or a **Poor Opinion** of **Yourself**

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2. Biblical humility is something we **Do**
not something we **Feel**

Philippians 2:8, Matthew 20:24-28, Ephesians 4:2,

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3. If you want to grow in humility don't focus on **Humility**
focus on **Christ**
Philippians 2:6-11

Many people have faith in what **They Have Done**
instead of in **Christ** and what **He Has Done**

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Discussion Questions - Week #5

QUICK REVIEW

Thinking back to the sermon this weekend, "Who Is The Greatest?" summarize the main point in a sentence or two.

Looking at your notes, was there anything you heard for the first time, caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

Do you plan on taking any practical steps this week in response to the message?

GETTING STARTED

- If you could be the greatest of all time at one thing, what would it be?

- In the message this weekend, Pastor Rick shared three truths about Biblical humility. Who is someone who strikes you as surprisingly humble, and how do they demonstrate it?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Pastor Rick shared that Biblical humility is something we do, not feel. One great example of Jesus demonstrating humility (rather than feeling it) is in John 13:1-17. What lesson do you think Jesus was trying to teach by washing his disciples' feet?

How might you have responded if you were one of the twelve?

Do you believe Jesus expects us to wash one another's feet literally?

If not, how could we practice the humility and service called for in this passage?

How have you experienced the promise Jesus makes in verse seventeen?

2. In Mark 9:34, we learn about the disciples arguing about who was the greatest. But our worth is not a result of what we've done but is based upon what God has done for us in Christ. Read Ephesians 1:3-14. What stands out to you?

How might the truths found in this passage deter us from focusing on our own greatness?

What does Paul suggest was God's purpose in choosing us?

How might we live differently if we accepted the identity God bestows upon us rather than one we earn ourselves?

Is there a practical step you could take to better live out of your identity in Christ?

FOR PRACTICE

In Celebration of Discipline, Richard Foster comments, "More than any other single way, the grace of humility is worked into our lives through the Discipline of service. Humility, as we all know, is one of those virtues that is never gained by seeking it. The more we pursue it the more distant it becomes... When we set out on a consciously chosen course of action that accents the good of others and is, for the most part, a hidden work, a deep change occurs in our spirits." Consider the practice of service this week by looking for opportunities to serve others in unseen ways. In doing so, we can grow in humility and put on love!

SHARE IT

Is there anything you heard or learned in the weekend message or Life Group this week that you want to share with someone you know?

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for ERBC as we seek a school or other organization to lease our Fellowship Hall. Pray for a blessed partnership with a lessee who can contribute financially to resource our ministries and opportunities for us to bless and minister to them as tenants.

Dear Church Family,

A few weeks from now, our church will have the opportunity to share the Good News with many from our community, as our church celebrates Easter weekend.

I invite you to join me and the rest of our staff in helping everyone who joins us to experience the love of Christ this Easter.

Pastor Rick



OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE THIS EASTER

- ☐ Invite 3 friends to join us for our Easter service
- ☐ Like our church on Facebook and share the Easter invite with your social network
- ☐ Assist with set up-or clean-up for our Easter refreshments
- ☐ Serve as a Greeter for our Easter service
- ☐ Serve as a Greeter for our Good Friday Service
- ☐ Serve in the Coffee House for our Easter service
- ☐ Serve as an office volunteer the week before or after Easter
- ☐ Park off-site on Sunday, March 31 to save space for our Easter service
- ☐ Participate in a Prayer Huddle for Easter on Sunday, March 17
- ☐ Donate funds to provide Easter lilies (\$7 each) for the elderly or shut-in who cannot join us for services this Easter

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*Help us reach out
to children & families
on Easter Weekend!*



We're looking forward to blessing lots of children, students and families during our Easter Weekend at ERBC. Be a part of the fun!

Here's how you can serve:

- ☐ Serve as a greeter at visitor check-in table volunteer
- ☐ Serve as a volunteer with the kids at the 11AM service
- ☐ Help with set up or tear down for Children's Easter service
- ☐ Help to prepare Children's instructional materials ahead of time for Easter weekend
- ☐ Help with building set up for Easter weekend
- ☐ Help to fill 1200 Easter eggs with candy
- ☐ Pray for God to send New Families

Here's what you can give:

- ☐ Donate gift cards for Prizes to Starbucks, Target, Boba Time (\$5-\$10.00)
- ☐ Donate individually wrapped candy (Snickers, Reese's, Skittles, Starburst)
- ☐ Donate plastic Easter eggs (our goal is 1200 eggs) by March 24
- ☐ Donate Easter Eggs (candy filled if possible) to reach our goal of 1200 Easter eggs by March 24!
- ☐ Donate Easter flowers for Fellowship Hall
- ☐ Dream donations: \$200-\$500 (ask Raquel Blanchard for details)

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