

How to be Great in God's Kingdom

November 8, 2015

 Sermon Notes: Matt. 20:17-28



Getting Started

What are you especially thankful for this week?

I. How NOT to be Great in God's Kingdom

A. Not by Manipulative Appeal

B. Not through Selfish Ambition

C. Not By Power of Position

D. Not through Popular Appeal or Persuasion

II. How to be GREAT in God's Kingdom

A. The Principle of True Greatness

**Being A Slave for Christ
is the Epitome of Greatness**

B. The Pattern of True Greatness

What is an aspect of God that was brought to your attention during the worship service this morning:

Tell about a time when you saw an important person do something selfless and serving:

Why is it so shocking to see a "big" person care about "little" people?

Digging Deeper

Read Philippians 2:1-11

What is the main idea in vv.1-4?

How does "look...also to the interests of others" work in real life...what does that look like?

How does v.17 affect how we try to apply this concept?

What is significant about vv. 5-8?

Paul is arguing that we should serve humbly because God, in Christ, has done the same for us. How does that affect how you react to the command to serve humbly?

How does it help you to know that obeying this command makes you like Christ?

How does it help you to know that when you are struggling to obey this command, Christ knows your weakness?

Ephesians 1:4 & 7 show us that this was part of a plan: Jesus didn't become a servant accidentally. What principle could we take from that pattern?

How should that affect how we approach serving?

 Next Steps: Stop and pray on your own...
"Lord, help me to know how I should respond to your Word."

Who have you been placing behind your own desires and priorities: Spouse Child Co-Worker Friend Other:

What is a specific way you can adjust your behavior so that you are placing them ahead of your own desires?

This week, daily reflect on at least one way that Christ sacrificed His own interests in the short run, in order to secure your good for all eternity.

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

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Saturday

 Prayer Requests