IN TRUTH Mark



Servant of Jesus



MEMORY VERSE: "Whoever wants to be first must take last place and be the servant of everyone else." Mark 9:35

DAY 1 MARK 9:30-31 — Jesus Predicts His Death

1. Why did Jesus want to be alone with His disciples? What did Jesus tell them?

- 2. Why might the disciples have been confused and afraid to ask questions?
- 3. What words of Jesus should have given them hope?



MARK 9:32-37 — Who Is the Greatest

- 4. What had the disciples been arguing about? What did Jesus say in response to their argument?
- 5. What does the world think makes a person great? How does this differ from what Jesus said about serving?

6. What does Jesus say about welcoming children? vv. 36-37 What is the significance of the this statement?

DAY 3 MARK 9:38-50 — Who Is Doing God's Work

7. Read verses 38-41. What did Jesus say in verse 40? Why is it easier for us as disciples of Jesus to be focused more on what other disciples of Jesus are/are not doing rather than being focused on Jesus and His message? What might this indicate about our walk with Jesus?

- 8. "Little ones" are not just the little in age or size, but also those that are younger in their faith. What does Jesus say? vs. 42 Why do you think that Jesus is so serious about this?
- 9. Verses 43-47 use strong language that is not meant to promote self-mutilation, but rather to describe how important it is for us to "cut out" anything that causes us to sin or turn away from our faith. To be more like Jesus today than you were yesterday, what would need to "cut out"?

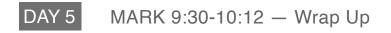
10. Read verses 49-50. Does your lifestyle make people want to know Jesus or run from Him?



MARK 10:1-12 — Divorce and Marriage

11. Why did Pharisees ask Jesus about divorce? v. 2 From verses 7-9 describe God's plan for marriage. 12. How is God's definition of marriage different than what you see in the world today?

13. Why does God disapprove of divorce? Why did He allow it? What problems does divorce cause?



14. List specific ways you can be a servant in your family and with your friends.

15. How have you felt when you truly served someone else?

TAKE AWAY

Pray that God will show you 1 specific way that you can serve someone this week.

BLESSING

Jesus' mission was to serve. We are called to the same mission.





Jesus taught that our values are upside down. Why is it so difficult for us to live by His teachings? Surely pride gets in the way. We must ask God to give us humility. The closer we draw to God, the more humble we become. Then we will have a servant heart, treat others with respect, and help those in need.

Jesus tells us that marriage is established by God and is between a man and a woman. Therefore what God has joined together let no man separate. All who have experienced divorce know there are inevitable consequences that affect many lives, but God forgives divorce, just as He forgives any other sin we confess to Him.

Strong families are the foundation of a healthy society. As God's people we have a responsibility and opportunity to model God's divine purposes for marriage and family. Will we rise to the challenge or blend into the culture? If you are called to marriage, how can you prepare yourself, even now for a marriage that will last?

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