

Marks of Greatness

Luke 9:44-56

03.21.10 LG Discussion Questions

Getting Started

1. **Greatness.** Describe the greatest person you've ever known and explain what made them great. Were they able to remain humble even after becoming great? Did humility enter into your thinking as you made your choice? Now read about the struggle the disciples had with greatness and humility in **Luke 9:44-56**.

Getting into the Bible

2. **Argument. Read Luke 9:46-48.** What caused the disciples to argue? Do you think they were surprised when Jesus confronted them about it? How did He illustrate greatness for them, and was it a helpful to you? Why or why not?
3. **Context. Read Luke 9:44-45.** What vital truth was Jesus explaining prior to their argument, and what does that indicate about their values at the time? How could their distorted values have interfered with their understanding of the truth? What lessons can we learn from this ourselves?
4. **Anger. Read Luke 9:46-48.** Based on their reaction to the stranger casting out demons and the inhospitality of the Samaritans, how much did the disciples get out of the lesson on greatness? Why do you think they weren't better learners?

Getting Personal and Practical

5. **Blind spots.** It must have hurt when Jesus corrected the disciples for their petty concerns about greatness, but is there any other way to correct our blind spots? Then take the humility challenge. Ask your best friend or someone you trust to describe one way you exhibit pride and one step you can take to develop a spirit of humility, and then share it with others at your next life group meeting.