

## **MEASURING GREATNESS**

As preached on Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup>

**Read:** Mark 9:30-37

1. Imagine the greatest person you know... or know of. What makes them great? Do you think they are aware of their greatness? Why, or why not?
2. At the beginning of this week's passage, Jesus and the Twelve head to Capernaum but he doesn't want anyone to know where they are. Why is that?
3. What does Jesus announce in v.31? Is this new information to the Twelve?
4. How do the Twelve respond to Jesus' announcement? Are you surprised at their reaction, especially after almost three years of following Jesus?
5. Jesus has a question for his disciples in v.33. Why are they reluctant to answer? How do you imagine their debate going while they were walking along the road? What are ways we do the same in our world today?
6. How would you summarize what Jesus teaches in vv.35-37? What is the significance of Jesus referring to a little child as he teaches?
7. What similarities are there between what Jesus teaches in this passage and what is taught in Matthew 25:31-46?
8. What are two tangible ways you can apply what Jesus teaches here about greatness to the way you live out your faith day to day?