



“Back to Basics”

Mark 9:30-37 ♦ Pastor Jim Lennon
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Introduction – *Jesus pulls the disciples aside for some private tutoring and what it means to be great in God’s eyes.*

I. Receive Jesus’ Gospel.

- A. Jesus again explains the basic elements of the Gospel, the Good News of what Jesus came to do.
- B. The word play reveals how God is governing Jesus’ story.
- C. By repeating His story a second time, Jesus emphasizes how important it is for us to understand and receive it.
- D. The disciples still don’t understand and even push back against Jesus’ story. It isn’t something they want to hear!

II. Reject the World’s Gospel.

- A. The disciples had been arguing about which of them was the greatest.
- B. That is the essence of the World’s gospel.

C. Instead of rebuking the disciples, Jesus “sits down” to teach them.

- 1. He corrects their belief in a false gospel.
- 2. He demonstrates His Gospel by embracing a child in their midst.
- 3. The main take away from this demonstration:

D. The lessons from Jesus’ teaching:

- 1. To be great in God’s eyes, welcome the lowest and the least.
- 2. Receive others “in Jesus’ name.”
- 3. How we treat others directly impacts our fellowship with Jesus.
- 4. Become servants in every relationship.

E. Where do we get the resources to do this?

Conclusion