

## **LEARNING WITH LUKE 9:46-50 - "WHO is the Greatest?"**

**Luke 9:48** *Jesus said to them, "He who is least among you all is the one who is great"*

**Mark 9:45** *"for the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom"*

### **1- WHO IS THE GREATEST? - pride vs humility**

Luke 9:46-48 - argument

Matt 18:1-5 - humbles

Mark 9:33-37 - greatest

1John 2:15-17 - pride

*JC Ryle - Of all sins there is none against which we have such need to watch & pray as pride. It is a pestilence that walks in darkness, a sickness that destroys at noonday. No sin is so deeply rooted in our nature. It cleaves to us like our skin. Its roots never entirely die. They are ready at any moment to spring up and exhibit a most pernicious vitality. No sin is so specious and deceitful. Pride can wear the garb of humility itself. It can lurk in the hearts of the ignorant, the ungifted & the poor, as well as in the minds of the great, the learned & the rich. It is a quaint and homely saying but only too true, that no pope has ever received such honor as pope 'self'*

### **2- WHO IS THE LEAST? - receive vs reject**

Luke 9:47-48 - child

Mark 10:34-45 - pride

Prov 29:23 - lowly

Isaiah 2:17 - humbled

*RC Sproul- Jesus teaches that greatness is measured in God's sight by service, obedience, humility.*

*We measure greatness in this world by power, wealth, achievement, talent. There will be many surprises when we reach heaven and discover who God has elevated to the higher levels in His kingdom.*

### **3- WHO IS FOR OR AGAINST? - church vs world**

Luke 9:49-50 - for us

Mark 9:38-41 - against

Matt 12:30 - for or against

*RC Sproul- distinguish between one's own commitment to Christ and one's resistance to Christ's work*

*RK Hughes- Pride is the sin we cannot see in ourselves but so detest in others.*

### **4- WHO CAN BE NEUTRAL? - everything vs Christ**

Luke 9:20 - who do you say?

John 3:16-18 - received

*RC Sproul- Jesus says there is no point of neutral ground, one is either for Christ or against Christ.*

### **5- HOW ARE YOU GROWING? - selfish vs self-less**

John 3:27-30 - increase

Rom 12:9-21 - with good

*Covid-19- Christ Offers Victory In Distress - John 16:33*

*Chuck Colson- Jesus Christ exhibited none of this self-conscious aloofness. He served others first; He spoke to those to whom no one spoke; He dined with the lowest members of society; He touched the untouchables.*

*He had no throne, no crown, no bevy of servants or armored guards. A borrowed manger and a borrowed tomb framed His earthly life. Kings and presidents and prime ministers surround themselves with minions who rush ahead, swing the doors wide, and stand at attention as they wait for the great to pass. Jesus said that He Himself stands at the door and knocks, patiently waiting to enter our lives.*

### **DAILY BIBLE READING - ENGAGE~WORD~CHURCH~COMMUNITY...**

5-03 **Luke 9:46-48** - greatest

5-04 **Luke 9:49-50** - against

5-05 **Mark 10:35-45** - request

5-06 **1 John 2:15-17** - the world

5-07 **Rom 12:9-21** - honor others

5-08 **John 3:25-36** - He must

5-09 **Isaiah 2:1-22** - The Lord

The Spirit of God works the Word of God so the people of God become like the Son of God

♦ How will I be **transformed**, by God's truth, in the Spirit's power, as I trust & obey ?

