

Greatness!

A Personal and Small Group Experience

I am really wrestling with this whole concept of “greatness” in the Kingdom of God. Greatness is a huge issue! I think a synonym in our culture would be “success”. I certainly have struggled with my sense of success. The way the “Kingdom of God” defines success is so radically different than the way our culture defines success/greatness.

*So—how does our culture define “greatness”? Discuss this one!
Who are exalted as “great ones”?*

Who are the strong impacting role models out there?

There can be some really good definitions of “greatness” out there but in reality we struggle with this in our culture—all cultures have!

Jesus is such a revolutionary on this point!

When I listen to Jesus I see Him in words and actions redefining greatness in so much of what He says and does!

*What do you learn about “greatness” from the following scriptures?
Talk about this in some detail. As the scripture writers share with us they are trying to “disciple” us in this new and oh so different life and way of life!*

Matthew 20:20-18

*Look at this section from the different perspectives of the different characters in the scene. (Mother, the boys, Jesus, other disciples)
What are we learning about greatness from a human perspective and from a divine one?*

Matthew 18:1-9

Philippians 2:3-11

This is an amazing text which calls us to a “humility” which is literally authored by God! How is Paul trying to disciple us here with these words of exhortation! Notice who is in charge of ‘exaltation’!

An Invitation to Greatness!

“Connecting With God” Weekly Guide

This booklet is a resource to help you “Connect with God” this week. He deeply desires ongoing personal connection with you. You are that important to Him.

This Page has some scripture verses for you to meditate on each day this week. Notice the helpful hints section – these are great things to consider when personally engaging with God through His Word.

The Center Pages contain the notes and outline for the message given on Sunday. The message is also available as an audio download from www.pointofgracechurch.org

The Back Page has a study written specifically for a small group of people (or an individual) to drill down deeper into a particular aspect of the week’s theme. Small groups can review memorable points of the week’s message and then work through the study concluding with a time of prayer.

Scripture & Meditation Guide - November 7-12

Helpful Hints:

- 1) Find a quiet place along with 15-20 minutes!
- 2) Focus on God for a few moments asking His Spirit to speak to your heart and offload your heart of stifling, burdens, guilt, worry etc.!
- 3) Listen to Him by reading a section of scripture then rereading it several times, dwelling on “words and phrases” which grab your heart’s attention. As you read and reread keep asking God, “What do You want me to hear?” “Why this word at this time?” “How are You inviting me to respond? Keep talking it over with Him—chew!
- 4) Pray (and journal) everything that is on your heart and mind as you are ready!

Worship Him, Bless Him, Thank Him, Ask Him, Trust Him

Monday: Matthew 20:20-28

Tuesday: Matthew 20:20-18 (Rest with this one two days!)

Wednesday: Philippians 2:1-11

Thursday: Matthew 18:1-9

Friday: Matthew 19:16-30

Saturday: Colossians 3:12-17