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Tuesday Bible Study Week 10

Mark 9:30-10:52

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1. In Mark 9:30-32, why do you think the disciples were afraid to ask Jesus about what he means?

2. Compare the first Passion prediction (Mark 8:31-33) and the second (Mark 9:30-32). What is similar? What differences are there between what Jesus describes?

3. What are some things we do to try and prove that we are "the greatest" (Mark 9:34)? What are some things that our current culture considers to be marks of greatness?

    a. Are these the same as "greatness" for Christians? What does Jesus teach us about greatness in Mark 9:35-37?

4. Bonus: Look up Numbers 11:26-29. What parallels do you see between the story of Eldad and Medad and Mark 9:38-40?

5. What are some “stumbling blocks” (Mark 9:42) that you have encountered “on the way” on your walk with Christ? What helped you over/around them?

6. Jesus’ teaching on divorce and riches Mark 10:1-31 were as radical in the 1st century as they are in the 21st. What makes these teachings hard to follow, both individually and as a culture? Where do we look for help when faced with a hard teaching from Jesus?

7. Jesus describes the Kingdom of God as a gift to be *received* (Mark 10:13-16) and describes the way we should receive it. What do you think Jesus means when he says that we should receive the Kingdom like a child?

    a. What are some gifts you have freely received from God? How do you receive them?

    b. What are ways that we can respond to God’s grace more like a child?

8. How does the story of the rich man strike you? Do you find it hopeful or troubling? Who do you identify with in this story (The rich man? Peter? Jesus?) Is there a way that God is calling you to respond differently here and now?