



## “CONSCIOUS AND INTENTIONAL MINISTRY: DOING WHO I AM”

Also I heard the voice of the Lord saying: “Whom shall I send, And who will go for Us?” Then I said, “Here am I! Send me.” Isaiah 6:8

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TEXT: MARK 9:33-37

### BEING THE GREATEST OR BEING ME?

#### INTRODUCTION

- A. The disciples were previously unsuccessful in casting out a demon from a young man \_\_\_\_\_
- B. What would you think their conversation would be on the road as they left? \_\_\_\_\_
- C. There is a human desire to be great, first, on top, chief, important... \_\_\_\_\_
  1. It is all about getting the gold
  2. It is all about winning the championship
  3. It is all about being the first name called

#### AN EMBARRASSING ARGUMENT

- A. “Who is the greatest?” \_\_\_\_\_
- B. Why have that argument? \_\_\_\_\_
- C. What does it really mean to be the greatest? \_\_\_\_\_
  1. What does being the greatest really look like?
  2. Is it the fastest or the strongest? Is it the one who can jump the highest or farthest?
- D. In the pursuit of greatness, how many lives have been destroyed? \_\_\_\_\_
- E. The disciples should have been embarrassed \_\_\_\_\_

#### THE FORMULA FOR BEING FIRST

- A. Since [If] you want to be first \_\_\_\_\_
- B. Be last of all \_\_\_\_\_
- C. Be servant of all \_\_\_\_\_
- D. God’s formula for being first disagrees with the world’s formula \_\_\_\_\_
  1. **Isaiah 55:7, 9,** <sup>8</sup> *“For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways,” says the Lord. <sup>9</sup> “For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts.*
  2. **Romans 11:33,** <sup>33</sup> *Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out!*
  3. **Ephesians 3:20,** <sup>20</sup> *Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us*

#### THE ATTITUDE FOR BEING GREAT

- A. First, Jesus placed a child among them (as a symbol of greatness) \_\_\_\_\_
- B. Second, Jesus picked the child up and held her (welcoming her greatness) \_\_\_\_\_
- C. You receive the child in My name, you receive Me, and you receive My Father \_\_\_\_\_
- D. If I be me, I will be great \_\_\_\_\_