Mark Lesson 30 (2023)

**HOW TO BE GREAT AND HAPPY**

(Mark 9:30-37)

**Open it:**

1. What makes a person look prestigious or “respectable” in our society? Who do you consider to be a great person? Why?

**Explore it:**

1. Read verses 30-32. Why did Jesus want to be alone with his disciples? What news did Jesus repeat privately to the disciples? Why would the disciples be afraid to ask what he meant?
2. Read verses 33-34. What did Jesus ask the disciples when they got to Capernaum? Why did the disciples hesitate to tell Jesus what they had been arguing about? Which disciples might have felt superior to the others? Why?
3. Read verse 35. How did Jesus explain what it means to be great? What does it mean to *“be very last, and the servant of all”*? How can we practice the principle of being great?
4. Read verses 36-37. How did Jesus illustrate his point? Why do you think Jesus used a child to illustrate his point? How can you welcome someone in Jesus’ name? How is it possible to welcome God? How should we treat people of “lowest status”?

**Apply it:**

1. What is one concrete way you can serve another person? In what specific situation can you consciously choose to be a servant for Christ’s sake?