

## TRUE GREATNESS

Luke 9:37-50

Key Verse: 9:48

“Then he said to them, ‘Whoever welcomes this little child in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. For it is the one who is least among you all who is the greatest.’”

1. When Jesus and three disciples came back, what did they encounter (37-39)? Describe the father’s agony. How did this contrast the scene on the mountain? How had the other disciples who had not gone with Jesus failed (40)?
2. How does Jesus’ lament reveal the root problem of that generation (41a)? How does Jesus’ lament express the heart and mind of God? How did Jesus heal the boy (41b-42)? How did the people react to this (43a)?
3. While everyone was marveling, what did Jesus tell his disciples to listen to carefully and why (43b-44)? What did the disciples think of Jesus’ words (45)?
4. What did the disciples argue about, and how does this reveal their underlying desire (46)? What did Jesus know about them, and how did he demonstrate true greatness (47-48)? Where does true greatness come from? How is this related to the way of Jesus’ cross?
5. What was John’s problem (49)? How does Jesus’ response reveal his kingdom mindset (50)? What has this passage shown you about being great in God’s judgment?