

Wheelersburg Baptist Church 1/29/2023

Mark 9:33-50 "Straight Talk from The Servant about the Struggles of Being a Servant"

Series: "Mark: The Servant in Action"

I. Struggle #1: How we view of _____(33-37)

A. We tend to think of ourselves _____ (33-34).

B. We need to think of ourselves _____ (35-37).

1. The Lord calls us to be _____.

2. The Lord calls us to give _____ to insignificant people.

II. Struggle #2: How we view _____ (38-50)

A. We tend to be hard on others and _____ on ourselves (38-40).

1. The disciples had a holy-_____ mentality (38).

2. Jesus took a _____ approach.

B. We need to be hard on ourselves and _____ with others (41-50).

1. Genuine disciples serve others in _____ ways (41).

2. Genuine disciples don't cause others to _____ (42).

3. Genuine disciples deal _____ with their own sin (43-48).

4. Genuine disciples work at living in _____ with others (49-50).

Make It Personal: Three questions I need to ponder...

1. What do I think of _____?

2. What do I think of _____?

3. What do I think about _____?

Community Group Discussion:

1. The title of this morning's message from Mark 9:33-50 was, "Straight Talk from The Servant about the Struggles of Being a Servant." Take time to read the passage again. What do we learn here about Jesus? What do we learn about what's involved in following Him?

2. In verse 33 Jesus asked His disciples a question that they refused to answer. What was the question, and why didn't they answer it?

3. In verses 35-37, Jesus responded to the disciples' silence by *saying* something, then *doing* something, and then *saying* something else. First, focus on what Jesus *did*. What did He do in verse 36? Discuss together the implications of His actions. Then, discuss what He *said* in verses 35 & 37. What are the implications of "whoever receives a child in my name receives me"?

4. What was John's problem in verse 38, and how did Jesus respond to it? What's the take-away for us?

5. In verse 42 Jesus continues talking about "these little ones," and then gives a series of pointed commands in verses 43ff. What main point is Jesus making here? How do His words affect you personally?