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SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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1. Have you ever wanted recognition for something you did but didn't receive it? How did you respond?
2. How would a secular-minded, non-Christian person describe a successful human life? How does that contrast with a Christian definition of success?

Read Matthew 21:23

- 3) What does the chief priests and elders' question reveal about their understanding of authority?

Read Philippians 2:5-11

- 4) Why would Paul connect Jesus' greatness with becoming a servant?
- 5) What do the words of this early hymn teach us about the relationship between humility and exaltation?
- 6) What does the story of Absalom teach us about the temptation to gain influence by cultivating the admiration of the people?
- 7) What are the key points of difference between Absalom and Jesus?
- 8) Where are you most tempted to grasp for things like power, recognition, control, or glory? How does a reflection on the cross empower you to resist that temptation?