

2. Where am I guarding my group's brand instead of rejoicing in Christ's work?
3. How can we encourage and celebrate the work God is doing in other churches and ministries, even when their methods differ from ours?
4. Is there a person or ministry you have struggled to appreciate because of differences? What might it look like to respond with greater humility and grace?

A challenge: Do something unseen thing this week. Seek no human credit and no audience other than that of Heaven.

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Sermon Discussion Points for



Calvary Chapel Groups
Sunday, October 18, 2026

First

Read Mark 9:33-41 – While we covered verses 33-41 of Mark 9, we camped out on verse 35 where Jesus speaks about the call to BE a Servant.

Pastor Lance unpacked the crucial distinction between merely serving as a means to an end of self-promotion and owning our identity as a servant.

Think of someone you'd describe as a true servant: a parent, coworker, or someone at church. What made them that way?

Vs.33-35– Greatness in God's Kingdom

1. The disciples argued about who was the greatest. Why do you think we are so naturally drawn to comparing ourselves with others?
2. Jesus says that whoever wants to be first must BE last a servant of all. How does this definition of greatness differ from the way our culture defines success?
3. Jesus modeled what it was to BE a servant by going to the cross. How should His example shape the way we think about greatness and leadership?
4. Am I serving to be noticed, or because I'm a servant? Who is it important to me to be thought well of by?
5. How do I react when I'm treated like a servant?

Vs. 36-37 – Welcoming the Overlooked

1. Why do you think Jesus used a child to teach His disciples about greatness?
2. Jesus says that receiving a child in His name is receiving Him. What does it look like to welcome and value people because of Jesus rather than because of what they can do for us?
3. Romans 15:7 says to receive one another as Christ received us. How does remembering the way Jesus has received us change how we treat others?
4. The world often receives people based on "What can this person do for me?" Where do you see that attitude creep into your own relationships or choices?
5. Who is the "child" God has put in your path that you've overlooked?

Vs. 38-40 – Celebrating God's Work in Others

1. John and the other disciples tried to stop someone who was ministering in Jesus' name because he was not following their group. Why might we be tempted to think our group or ministry is the only one God can use?

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