



Week 3:

Our Definition of
"greatness" is not God's
Luke 9:46-48



OPEN

This is the third week in our series called "Unfit." In this series, we are looking at how God continues to invite unlikely, undeserving, and UNFIT people to play a part in what He is doing in this world. **As you trace God's story throughout the Scriptures, you meet a long list of broken and imperfect people whom God includes in His perfect plan.** From a human perspective, Abraham was too old, Jacob was dishonest, Moses and David were murderers, Elijah and Jeremiah were suicidal, the warrior Gideon was a coward, Rahab and Tamar were prostitutes, Jonah was disobedient, the disciples abandoned Jesus, Peter denied Christ, and Paul persecuted the Church. Despite their imperfections, God invited them and more into a story much bigger than their own. **God could have told His story in any way but chose broken people who he redeemed to share His message of redemption to the world.**



READ

- **READ Luke 9:46-48; Luke 22:24 and Matthew 20:20-28**
 - These three texts show the disciples arguing over who would be the greatest. What stands out to you in these passages?
 - Why do you think it was important for the disciples to jockey for position and greatness with Jesus?

The discussions on who is the greatest, followed Jesus' teaching on his kingdom which would come through his death. Jesus predicted his death (Luke 9:44-45, Matt 20:17-19) and demonstrated it through the last supper (Luke 22). Jesus' kingdom is not of strength, prestige, and pride but of weakness, servanthood, and humility.

- How do we faithfully live out the kind of kingdom that Jesus came to bring? How do we embody the truth where "the first will be last" (Matt 20:16)?



REFLECT

- Comparison is one struggle many people face. What are some reasons why we as people constantly compare ourselves to others? In what ways have you struggled with this in your life?
- What does greatness really mean? How does the world measure it? How should believers measure it?
- **Read James 4:6.** What does this passage say about humility? Why is choosing humility so difficult? How does pride keep us from knowing God?
- **Read Philippians 2:3-8.**
 - How does the incarnation of Jesus teach us humility?
 - Why is humility important in the way we treat others?
- Humility is not self-deprecation but "restrained power" that places others before ourselves.
 - Who is someone you know whose life demonstrates humility.
 - How can you learn from that?

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- How has your own strength been a barrier to you knowing God? Where in your life have you "resisted" God and how has he overcome that to grow a deeper dependence and humility with him?



PRAY

- What is one area of your life where you need to choose humility over pride? Pray that God would create a heart of humility in each other.
- What is an area of need you have right now? Share that and pray for one another.
- This past week during a discerning prayer time we prayed that God would remove any doubt or fear and give us courage and confidence to follow where God is leading. Pray for boldness for us as a church during this time.

