

Sermon outline Mark 9:33-50 - "What really makes a person Great?"

Proposition: Great character brings with it great influence.

1. Treat all people \_\_\_\_\_
2. Be \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ towards other people
3. Handle others with \_\_\_\_\_
4. Deal with yourself \_\_\_\_\_
5. Be a \_\_\_\_\_

FOR FURTHER STUDY IN SMALL GROUPS/ FAMILIES

Mixer: describe a time when you felt 'famous'

1. What does 'greatness' look like to you?
2. Why did Jesus put a child in the middle of the group as He taught on character that leads to greatness?
3. Most people in the 'world' are quick to criticise others and yet very kind on themselves eg "I know my heart".  
How is this different in the kingdom?
4. There is a difference between 'tolerance' and 'treating others equally'! How would you describe that difference?
5. Looking at the 5 characteristics of a person who can be Great in God's eyes, which one is the most challenging to you?
6. When Jesus said 'salted with fire' in verse it would have conjured up to the original readers an image of the temple meat being salted before it was burnt up. What do you think that 'salted with fire' should mean to us today?
7. Pray for each other and for our church to have all the 5 characteristics of people who can be Great. Pray that the way the world thinks will not be the way we think about Greatness. Pray that God would take the lives of the people in your group and mould their character so that God would use them to influence many for the kingdom.