

Living Today with Eternity in Mind

Scripture: Mark 9:30-50

Also: Mark 10:45; Philippians 2:6-8; Ephesians 4:12; 1 Peter 1:6-7; Romans 5:3-4; James 1:2-3

Questions

1. What has challenged you, changed you or confused you from this week's sermon or the Scriptures in it?
 2. The main point of the sermon indicated that the death and resurrection of Jesus empower us to live radically different lives with a radically different eternity.
 3. Read Mark 9:30-32.
 - Some skeptics assert that the disciples made up the resurrection story. How do these verses refute that idea?
 - How does the disciples' lack of understanding impact this argument?
 4. Read Mark 9:33-41.
 - How does the disciples' discussion in verses 33-37 connect to John's mindset in verse 38? What might be the linking attitude?
 - How does Jesus redefine what aspiring to greatness looks like?
 - How does that align with or run counter to our culture?
 - How do these verses support Churches cooperating across denominations? Do you (& your church) do enough in this area? Do you tend to resist cooperation with those in other churches?
 - How is your attitude similar or different from the disciples in 33-38?
 5. Read Mark 9:42-50. We are empowered to serve the powerless.
 - The idea was highlighted in the sermon that organizations don't serve people, people serve people. How do you react to that? Where do you see (in yourself or others) the mindset that "the church should do something about that," coupled with the need for individuals to engage being overlooked?
 - Where do you see a need for the powerless to be served?
 - Think through some ways that you already serve others; then list some ways that you are served by others.
 6. We are empowered to kill our sin
 - What are some ways that we cause little ones to sin?
 - Is there sin that, instead of killing, you live with as an "issue" in your life?
- ***Praying for those needs of the powerless identified in the questions.***
 - ***Repenting of sins that we have not treated as Jesus instructed.***