

#4 The First Must Be Last

Mark 9:33-37 And they came to Capernaum. And when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you discussing on the way?” ³⁴ But they kept silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. ³⁵ And he sat down and called the twelve. And he said to them, “If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all.”

1. To truly be **FIRST**, you must be **LAST**.

Mark 9:36 And he took a child and put him in the midst of them, and taking him in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷ “Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me.”

2. All people are **VALUABLE** to Jesus, regardless of **STATUS**.

3. Christ followers should also love and **RECEIVE ALL** people, regardless of status.

4. Caring for others of a different status is rewarded by **CLOSE FELLOWSHIP** with both the Son and the Father!

Mark 9:42 “Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were hung around his neck and he were thrown into the sea.

5. God is extremely **PROTECTIVE** of His people, especially the ones that are **NOT ABLE** to care for themselves.

6. We should be very **AWARE** of how our actions **IMPACT** children and young believers.

Mark 10:13-16 And they were bringing children to him that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. ¹⁴ But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. ¹⁵ Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.” ¹⁶ And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them.

7. Jesus did not come only to spend time with **IMPORTANT VIP**.

8. The ones that have childlike faith are the **TRUE VIP**.

Success in the Kingdom of God is measured in **PEOPLE!**

How do you choose your **FRIENDS**?

Who are the VIP that you have **PASSED OVER**?