

# Sunday Reading

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## A Reading from the Gospel of Mark 9:30–37: The Greatest in the Kingdom

Jesus and his disciples left from there and began a journey through Galilee, but he did not wish anyone to know about it. He was teaching his disciples and telling them, “The Son of Man is to be handed over to men and they will kill him, and three days after his death the Son of Man will rise.” But they did not understand the saying, and they were afraid to question him.

They came to Capernaum and, once inside the house, he began to ask them, “What

were you arguing about on the way?” But they remained silent. They had been discussing among themselves on the way who was the greatest. Then he sat down, called the Twelve, and said to them, “If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all.” Taking a child, he placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, “Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives

me, receives not me but the  
One who sent me.”

## **Focus Questions**

1. What did Jesus teach His disciples about as they travelled to Galilee?
2. What were the disciples arguing about?
3. What do you think Jesus meant when He told the disciples “If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all”?

# Who Is the Greatest?

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**Directions:** Answer the questions below.

In this week's Gospel, Jesus taught us that in the Kingdom of God, the last will be first. In other words, In God's Kingdom, those who love and serve others instead of themselves will be first.

What are five ways that you can love and serve others?

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