

# Small Group Discussion Guide

Sunday, December 2, 2018

## Warm Ups

Choose any of the following as ice breakers to get people talking

1. A quick history test. Can you name these leaders who were known as “the Great” from their title?
  - a. King of Macedonia.....Alexander the Great
  - b. Founder of the first Persian Empire.....Cyrus the Great
  - c. King of Judea.....Herod the Great
  - d. Empress of Russia.....Catherine the Great
  - e. Grand Prince of Kiev.....Roman the Great
2. Who is greater Jordan or LeBron (I'm just trying to stir up trouble)
3. Which famous boxer declared “I am the greatest!” (Bonus points for his full name given at birth)? What did/do you think about that?
4. What is something you are really good at doing?

## Scripture

1. Have someone in the group read Luke 9:46-50 (especially involve any children present)

## Explore

1. Who began arguing? (46)
2. What were they arguing about? (46)
3. Jesus had a bit of an advantage in this situation, what was it? (47)
4. To what did Jesus equate welcoming a child? (48)
5. “If you welcome me you welcome \_\_\_\_\_”? (48)
6. Who did Jesus say would be the greatest? (48)
7. What concern did John bring to the attention of Jesus? (49)
8. How did Jesus respond? (50)

## Discuss

1. What are some positions of religious “power” in today’s setting people might be tempted to argue about or fight for?
  - a. What do you suppose drives such arguments?
2. How do we find balance in a world that says “look out for number one” when God says “the least among you is the greatest”? Does God expect us to be used and trampled?
  - a. How do we implement this at work?
  - b. How do we implement this at home?
3. In the Kingdom of God, everyone belongs, how did this message turn their world upside down? In what ways are we still challenged by this message?
  - a. Who do we often struggle to include?
  - b. Who has it almost become acceptable to ignore (in practice, if not in thought)?
  - c. Self examination: Look over your daily routine and life, who is the most “invisible” person you regularly come in contact with? Could be a specific person or a type of person.
4. Danny mentioned Romans 12:3. Read the passage and discuss its practical implications.
5. Luke 9:49-50 seem to be a part of this story and train of thought.
  - a. What seems to be the root desire in John’s voiced concern?
  - b. This scene followed what had just happened in Luke 9:40. Does this seem a bit ironic? Explain.