

## **SERMON NOTES AND SCRIPTURE**

### **Mark 9:30–50**

30 They left that place and passed through Galilee. Jesus did not want anyone to know where they were, 31 because he was teaching his disciples. He said to them, “The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men. They will kill him, and after three days he will rise.” 32 But they did not understand what he meant and were afraid to ask him about it.

33 They came to Capernaum. When he was in the house, he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the road?” 34 But they kept quiet because on the way they had argued about who was the greatest.

35 Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, “Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all.”

36 He took a little child whom he placed among them. Taking the child in his arms, he said to them, 37 “Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me.”

38 “Teacher,” said John, “we saw someone driving out demons in your name and we told him to stop, because he was not one of us.”

39 “Do not stop him,” Jesus said. “For no one who does a miracle in my name can in the next moment say anything bad about me, 40 for whoever is not against us is for us. 41 Truly I tell you, anyone who gives you a cup of water in my name because you belong to the Messiah will certainly not lose their reward.

42 “If anyone causes one of these little ones—those who believe in me—to stumble, it would be better for them if a large millstone were hung around their neck and they were thrown into the sea. 43 If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life maimed than with two hands to go into hell, where the fire never goes out. [44] 45 And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. [46] 47 And if your eye causes you to stumble, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell, 48 where

“the worms that eat them do not die,  
and the fire is not quenched.’

49 Everyone will be salted with fire.

50 “Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can you make it salty again? Have salt among yourselves, and be at peace with each other.”

## **A Servant is the New Bull's Eye for Greatness.**

- 1. A servant is willing to serve anyone at anytime.**
  - 2. A servant cares about the Kingdom more than any one church.**
  - 3. A servant is concerned with new believers and the next generation.**
  - 4. A servant serves themselves by fighting sin.**
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## **GROUP DISCUSSION**

### **Please read the passage(s) of Scripture together as a group.**

- Pastor Luke shared that a servant is willing to serve anyone at anytime. Who are you serving? Who is serving you? How can you live a life of service?
- How do you find balance and boundaries in a life of service?
- How have you been Kingdom-minded and not just “First Free Rockford-minded?” How can you take a more Kingdom-minded approach in your life?
- If we looked at your life, how would we see that you care about new believers and the next generation?
- How can you serve yourself by fighting sin? How can we pray for you in that?
- Where is the Lord calling you to redefine greatness in your own life?
- What sin is the Lord asking you to surrender to Him and cut out of your life as you continue to be salt and light?