



“Look Down”

September 19

Discussion Questions

1. Are you competitive? What parts of your life is it important for you to feel like you are the greatest/superior?
2. Why do you think the disciples were afraid to ask Jesus about their lack of understanding?
3. Why does welcoming “a little child” mean welcoming Jesus—and the one who sent him?
4. Reflect on the powerlessness that everyone experiences, in one form or another, at some point in our lives. What have been/are your own experiences of powerlessness? How did/does it feel?
5. Where do you encounter powerlessness throughout your week? What would it mean for you to be a servant in those situations?

Mark 9: 30-37

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.'