

The Gospel According to Mark

Follow the Leader

“Steering Clear of Status-driven Strife”

INTRO: *Unable to grasp the meaning of Jesus’ second passion statement, the disciples argue over greatness. Jesus takes the opportunity to teach them a valuable lesson about how greatness in the Kingdom of God is defined.*

I. Striving for _____ creates _____ among disciples (9:30-34). *The privilege of viewing Jesus’ Transfiguration may have contributed as a source of contention.*

II. _____ in God’s Kingdom is defined by _____ (9:35-48). *Service is respecting Believers from whom you have nothing to gain and living conscientiously around others to avoid causing immature Christians to sin.*

III. To steer clear of _____-driven _____, ... (9:49-50). *These two perplexing verses connected by a reference to **salt** which changes in its metaphor from one verse to the other, reveals the **ONLY** way to serve effectively.*

A. _____.
We are to be living sacrifices (Romans 12:1; Cf. Lev. 2:13).

B. _____.
We can preserve the purity of the Believing community with righteous living (Matthew 5:13).