

Who Will Be the Greatest? - Luke 9:46-50

Topics: Ambition, Arguments, Children, Demons, Envy, Favoritism, Greatness, Humility, Self-righteousness, Teamwork

Open It

- * 1. What does greatness mean to you?
- 2. What do you like and dislike most about children?

Explore It

- 3. How did an argument start among the disciples? (9:46)
- * 4. About what did the disciples argue? (9:46)
- 5. How did Jesus find out what was happening? (9:47)
- * 6. What did Jesus use to reply to the disciples' ambition? (9:47)
- 7. What connections between the child and God did Jesus make? (9:48)
- * 8. What reason did Jesus give for connecting children with God? (9:48)
- 9. How did John change the subject? (9:49)
- 10. Why had the disciples tried to stop the man? (9:49)
- 11. What did Jesus think of the disciples' gallantry? (9:50)
- 12. What reason did Jesus give for not stopping the man who was driving out demons? (9:50)

Get It

- * 13. What effect must the example of a child have had on the disciples?
- 14. What opportunities do we have to welcome children (and thereby welcome Jesus and God the Father)?
- * 15. What different ambitions and motivations can we see in churches and other religious organizations today?
- 16. What reaction was John probably expecting to his efforts to stop the man from driving out demons?
- 17. What kind of teamwork might Jesus be looking for today among His followers?
- 18. How can we be more cooperative with each other?

Apply It

- * 19. What is one step you can take to subject your ambitions to the ambitions of Jesus?
- 20. How can you foster a spirit of teamwork in your church or religious group in the weeks ahead?