

MATTHEW

December 11, 2022

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Mark 9:33-50

Luke 9:46-50

QUESTIONS for REFLECTION

1. What might motivate the disciples to argue such a question (v. 1; Mark 9:34; Luke 9:46)?

What makes this “discussion” so ludicrous?

2. Why would using a child as an example of greatness come as such a surprise (v. 2)?

3. Define what it means to be “converted” (v. 3).

How is becoming like children comparable to conversion?

How is this similar to a previous declaration (c.f., John 3:3,7)?

4. Give a (Biblical) definition of humility (v. 4).

Why is humility the key to greatness? (Think like Jesus here.)

5. How does Jesus view our treatment of others (fellow converts) (vv. 5, 10)?
6. A stumbling block is an obstacle to someone's spiritual progress (vv. 6-7). Identify three facts about these spiritual obstacles:
- (1)
 - (2)
 - (3)

Who is Jesus warning about putting spiritual obstacles in the path of others? How serious is He about this?

7. What care are you to take to avoid self-imposed spiritual obstacles (vv. 8-9)? What form might these obstacles take? (What is Jesus' point?)

8. What is Jesus' stated mission (v. 11)?

How is this illustrated in the parable (vv. 12-14)?

What does this say about His care for *you*? And what is your response to Him?

PERSONAL RESPONSE

I will cultivate humility this week by . . .

I will express humility this week by . . .