



ST PAUL'S LUTHERAN

September 21-23, 2024
18th Weekend after Pentecost

Mark 9:30-37

The Need for Followership: Followers of Christ are Humble Servants.

Who is the most humble person you know?

What about them makes you choose them?

How would you rate yourself at humility?

Verse 30: Jesus was having final lessons with his disciples as the time for heading to Jerusalem for his passion was drawing near. What are things you would want to share with loved ones before your departure from this life?

Verse 31: This is most atrocious to even consider, yet the most wonderful for you and me. What is atrocious and evil about this?

What is wonderful about this for you and me?

What does this phrase, "*and after three days he will rise,*" show us about who is in control and what power he has?

Verse 32: This was the third time Mark records Jesus telling his disciples about his suffering, death and resurrection (also 8:31, 9:9-13). The disciples didn't want to even consider this reality. What are some things we do to avoid difficulties that are coming up?

Verse 34: What is dangerous about constantly trying to be the most important, or doing everything to make your way up the ladder of power, riches, or fame?

Why is worrying about being great in the eyes of others or in our own eyes so bad for the church, the ministry, and our unity here at St. Paul's?

Verse 35: Jesus explains what you want to strive for as his follower. You want to be first...in service to others. It's not the world's idea of being first. But it is God's. How can you strive to be first in service to your fellow mankind?

Verse 36: Who gave the best hugs when you were little?

Why were those hugs important to you?

Why does Jesus welcome a small child?

Verse 37: How importantly does Jesus rate the caring for and reception of little children by us because of him ("in my name")?

As we serve others Jesus cares about our motivation and our focus. What motivates us to serve even little children?

Who are we ultimately also serving and welcoming when we welcome and serve even little children because of him?

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