

GRACE NOTES

Message: Now Is the Time

Scriptures: Luke 9:35

Date: Sunday, April 9, 2017

Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, “Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all.” (Mark 9:35)

67% of Americans say a personal invitation from a family member would be very or somewhat effective in getting them to visit a church.

63% of Americans say a personal invitation from a friend or neighbor would be very or somewhat effective in getting them to visit a church.

“For the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” (Mark 10:45)

³ For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. (Romans 12:3)

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³ Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, ⁴ not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. (Philippians 2:3)

¹¹ So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, ¹² to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up ¹³ until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. (Philippians 4:11-13)

A church is at its very best when a maturing church body is fulfilling the work of Christ - sharing the Gospel and serving others in Jesus' name.

Study Notes --

How would the people you know define “success”?

Has your definition of “success” changed over time? How?

Thinking back to Sunday’s service, what spoke to you, inspired you, encouraged you, challenged you, or confused you?

Read **Mark 9:33-35**.

How does this idea of being “first” differ from the world’s view?

From this passage, we see the disciples didn’t understand what true greatness meant. Do you ever struggle personally with the kind of attitude showed? In what way(s)?

Read **Mark 10:35-45**.

What were the disciples asking? How did Jesus respond?

What does their request reveal about their understanding?

Jesus reveals a difference between how the political leaders lead the people and how the disciples were to lead. What is the difference?

Can you give some examples of servant leadership that you have seen in action?

Is the J-O-Y attitude practical or possible? What might be the result of this kind of attitude?

Read **Philippians 2:1-8**.

What does verse 3 tell us about the how we should view ourselves and others?

Is this a reasonable way to live?

What worries you about this kind of attitude?

What did this attitude cost Jesus?

What is one thing you will do differently because of this teaching?