

WHAT'S IMPORTANT?

Pastor Stephen Baker / Harmony Church. Mark 9:30-50

Verse by Verse through Mark.

I. Jesus Again Predicts His Death and Resurrection. (30-32)

([Mark 9:30](#)) Jesus wanted to move through Galilee quietly. He was very popular there, and many people would come out to see Him and His hands would be full with ministering to them. Instead, Jesus wanted to privately teach His disciples.

([Mark 9:31-32](#)) Even though Jesus taught the disciples about His death and resurrection, they did not understand. This went against their beliefs about what the Messiah would be and do.

II. The Disciples Argue About Who Will Be The Greatest In The Kingdom. (33-37)

(Mark 9:33-34) While Jesus taught about His death on the cross and resurrection from the dead, the disciples argued over who would be the greatest in His kingdom! They were completely focused on overthrowing the Romans and setting up an earthly kingdom. They did not understand Jesus' mission.

(Mark 9:35-37) Jesus taught the disciples the importance of humility by using a child as an illustration.

III. Know Who Your Friends Are. (38-42)

The disciples were in a mindset of being on top: being the rulers in the upcoming kingdom. They thought: "We are about to overthrow the Roman Empire and set up our kingdom to reign with the Messiah. People had better be on board with our program, or else!" But Jesus taught them a different lesson: "You are going to need all the friends you can get. I am going to be crucified and rejected."

IV. Warnings About Hell. (43-49)

Hell is so terrible that it would be better to lose a hand or an eye than to go there! Perhaps this is a warning to Judas since Jesus is addressing the disciples. Or perhaps it is a reminder of where people will go unless the disciples get the Gospel to them. God's program of evangelism is far more important than arguing over an earthly Kingdom!

V. Lesson About Salt. (50)