

DISCUSSION IDEAS

IMPROVING OUR SERVE

Mark 9:30-37

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THOUGHT: What is the relationship between God's Love and being a servant (including when we show God's Love)?

♦ **DISCUSSION POINT ONE: A DRASTIC CHANGE IN PERSPECTIVE.**

Up to this point in Mark, what has Jesus been emphasizing? Look at Mark 1:15.

Now, as seen in Mark 9:30-32, what is He teaching?

Also, who is He teaching?

What do we know about the Jewish expectations about the Messiah?

What was He intended to accomplish? Look at Isaiah 9:1-7.

Why was it so hard for the disciples to comprehend what Jesus was telling them?

♦ **DISCUSSION POINT TWO: A SUFFERING & DYING MESSIAH??!!!**

What did the Jewish Scriptures say about a suffering Messiah? Look at Psalm 22, and at Isaiah 53:10-12.

What did Jesus specifically say would happen (Mark 9:31)? Remember, this is months before the actual events!

Jesus KNEW his purpose – what was it? Look at Mark 10:45. Compare John 3:17-19.

Discuss how 1 Cor. 15:1-8 along with John 3:16-18 truly describe the Messiah's purpose in His First Coming.

♦ **DISCUSSION POINT THREE: BEING A SERVANT.**

Since our Lord said what He did in Mark 10:45, what should be our response? Review Mark 9:35.

♦ **CHALLENGE:**

Discuss the ways are we to be servants: to our families, to our fellow believers, to the unsaved world around us.

♦ **PRAYER:**

Was'nt it exciting to hear what "Eddie" on Barangonan Island taught about our unity in Christ?

Let's continue to pray for the Lord's power to be continually shown in the island, as well as at Shelter Valley.

Pray for Scott and his team as they serve Jesus in Shelter Valley.