

MARK

THE JESUS I NEVER KNEW

Mark 9:33-41 p. 845

Pride: We promote ourselves

Pride makes us competitive.

Proud people seek to be above everybody else.

Jesus calls the proud to humble service.

Pride: We prohibit outsiders

Pride makes us exclusive

Proud people seem to be against everybody else.

Jesus calls the proud to humble tolerance.

If a person has great pride, it means that the gospel has never become real to that person, or that the gospel is not being remembered by that person.

Sermon Study Guide

(Reminder: The purpose of the questions is to explore the text and themes of the sermon. **Do not feel a need to go through all of the questions, but try to discuss/study some in each category.** The goal is to stimulate discussion/reflection and transformation related to the sermon text and themes.)

Read 9:33-41

What stood out from the sermon on Sunday?

What major themes do you remember from the sermon?

Cultural Perspective

1. In verse 33, why did Jesus' question cause them to keep silent?
2. What does Jesus response, in spite of their silence, tell us about His identity?
3. What might have the disciples been feeling/thinking as Jesus addresses what they've been thinking?
4. How does Jesus redefine greatness?
5. Why should our service flow from a heart of humility?
6. What is the significance of the illustration of a child?

Read 38-41

1. Why did the disciples feel they should control who was using Jesus' name?
2. What was Jesus response to this?
3. How does his response expose their pride?

Application

1. What are ways that I tend to compare myself to others?
2. How does my pride keep me from the kind of service and tolerance Christ has called me to?
3. How does remembering the Gospel humble me?
4. Why does being humbled by the Gospel cause me to desire to exalt the name of Jesus?
5. How does Jesus being exalted in my heart make me more open to others who are also exalting the name of Christ?