



Our Lady of Peace Catholic Infant & Nursery School

25th Week of Ordinary Time

Mark 9:33-35- Anybody who wants to be the greatest must become a servant of all.

The disciples arguing who is the greatest.



Gospel Mark 9:33-35

- After walking all day, Jesus and his disciples arrived in Capernaum. When Jesus asked the disciples what they had been talking about on the way, no one looked at Jesus or answered his question, because they had been arguing about which one of them was most important. Jesus told the disciples to sit down and then he said, 'Anybody who wants to be the greatest must become the servant of all, and make himself the least important.'
- The Gospel of the Lord

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Response: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ





“Our prime purpose in this life is to help others. And if you can’t help them, at least don’t hurt them.”

~ Dalai Lama

Reflection



Often we call people great when they are very successful or rich and powerful. Jesus explains that such things are not important to God. He measures our greatness by our goodness and willingness to think of others before ourselves.

What do you think the disciples were arguing about as they walked along? – Jesus had told them that he would be leaving them soon and they were arguing about which one of them was the greatest and should take charge when he had gone.

If you said someone was ‘great’ at something what would you mean?- A boy who is ‘great’ at football, might score lots of goals, make brilliant tackles and be the best player in the team. They are chosen to play for the first team because of their importance in helping them to win matches.

How did Jesus describe a truly great person? A truly great person is not the one who draws attention to themselves or stands out in a crowd. They put the needs of others before their own and stay quietly in the background without drawing attention to their goodness. They think of themselves last and for this reason they will come first in the Kingdom of God. God is not impressed by our power or wealth or riches! What is really important to him is our goodness. How should we live, if we want to be ‘great’ in a way which really matters to God? By learning to put ourselves last and other people first! Instead of being bossy and taking charge in the playground, stand back sometimes and let someone else have a turn. When you want to watch something on the television, but your brother or sister doesn’t, then let them watch the programme they choose. To put others first is not always easy but with Gods help we will succeed.



Prayer



Dear God our Father

Sometimes I find it hard not to have things my own way!
To be expected to share and to put others first.
Help me to be generous and thoughtful as you would want
me to.

Amen