

FINDING THE ENTRANCE

Mark 9:38-50
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Greatness is _____ in:

- I. . . . multiplying _____ . Mark 9:38-40
I Cor. 11:1
Num. 11:24-29
- A. Disciples _____ Christ and _____ others also.
- B. There is no _____ with _____ . Matt. 12:30
Romans 5:10
Col. 1:13
Mark 9:41
- II. . . . faithfulness and _____ in _____ . Mark 9:42-48
- III. . . . taking a _____ to dealing with _____ . Mark 9:42-48
- A. REMINDERS [Rev. 20:11-15; Eph. 2:8-9; John 6:37-40; 10:27-30]
1. Those who do not _____ in Jesus have their _____ in the _____ .
 2. Those who _____ are _____ by the _____ of God through their _____ .
 3. This salvation is _____ by _____ .
- B. The warning about " _____ " is about loss of _____, not eternity in _____ . Jer. 7:30-34
Jer. 19:6-9
James 3:6
Mark 7:20:23
Jer. 17:27; 21:12
Isaiah 66:24
Mark 8:34-38
- C. Persevering in _____ means we will _____ our _____ .
- D. Entering the _____ / _____ is about experiencing the _____ of Christ now as _____ . Mark 9:49-50
Rom. 12:1-2
- IV. . . . being a _____ for the _____ of God. Mark 9:49-50
Rom. 12:1-2

TODAY'S TEXT

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³⁸ John said to him, "Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him because he wasn't following us."

³⁹ "Don't stop him," said Jesus, "because there is no one who will perform a miracle in my name who can soon afterward speak evil of me. ⁴⁰ For whoever is not against us is for us. ⁴¹ And whoever gives you a cup of water to drink in my name, because you belong to Christ —truly I tell you, he will never lose his reward.

⁴² "But whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to fall away —it would be better for him if a heavy millstone were hung around his neck and he were thrown into the sea.

⁴³ "And if your hand causes you to fall away, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and go to hell, the unquenchable fire. ⁴⁵ And if your foot causes you to fall away, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. ⁴⁷ And if your eye causes you to fall away, gouge it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸ where **their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched.** ⁴⁹ For everyone will be salted with fire. ⁵⁰ Salt is good, but if the salt should lose its flavor, how can you season it? Have salt among yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

Journey Group Questions

1. How do you identify with the disciples in this discussion with Jesus? Where in your pursuit of greatness do you need Jesus to redirect you? What do you think about the idea that discipleship for most of us looks more like honoring Christ in our daily life than in doing something the world might consider to be "great?"
2. Does the call to multiplying disciples conflict with your comfort zone? How can you move from that to allow for someone else's comfort?
3. What do you think about the idea that "Entrance into the Kingdom" and the call to discipleship are similar (and that neither of them is the same as the call to initial faith in Jesus)? Compare some of these verses as you discuss this: Luke 9:61 & 14:26, Matthew 7:21 & Luke 14:27.