Greatest of All Time

To Be Great, Give

The desire to be seen and to be known is written deep in the human heart. But is a person great simply because a large number of people acknowledge them? Jesus reveals that true greatness is when a person gives themselves away to something or someone greater; it is to lay down one's life for Him and for the Gospel. It does not consist in self-protection or self-expression, but in self-donation.

Discussion Questions

- 1. Have you ever met a famous person? Who was it, and how did you meet them?
- 2. Do you think that a person can be great if no one knows who they are? Can you give an example of someone you know who lives like this?
- 3. Have you ever felt like you are pouring yourself out for someone or something else and no one noticed? Do you think it diminished or discounted what you did? Please share.
- 4. When you've posted something important to you on social media and there wasn't the response that you anticipated, did it make you feel invisible? How so?
- 5. To be great means giving myself away for the sake of the One who sees in secret and the One who knows in secret. Is there an area of your life where you could become less "visible"?
- 6. Are there any "too small" things that you find yourself giving yourself to? What are those things? Why do you return to them? Please share and discuss.

God in Real Life

This week, spend some time in prayer reflecting on where God may be asking you to give yourself away for something greater, for His sake.

To the Heart

"For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it." Mark 8:35