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     ³⁰They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know this, ³¹because he was teaching his disciples. He told them, "The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into the hands of men, and they will kill him. But three days after he is killed, he will rise." ³²But they did not understand the statement and were afraid to ask him about it. ³³They came to Capernaum. When he was in the house, he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" ³⁴But they remained silent, because on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. ³⁵Jesus sat down, called the Twelve, and said to them, "If anyone wants to be first, he will be the last of all and the servant of all." ³⁶Then he took a little child and placed him in their midst. Taking the child in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷"Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me. And whoever welcomes me, welcomes not just me but also him who sent me."

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Sermon Study Guide

Contemplate these questions during the sermon and feel free to write your thoughts in the blank spaces.

1. **We all like to share stories about our own lives and be involved in conversations about our skills and interests.**

   What can these conversations quickly, and easily, turn into?

2. **When Jesus asked what the disciples were arguing about on the road they didn't answer him. Why?**

3. **How do we determine greatness? Does it fit a specific criterion that all people agree on or is it different for every**

   individual?

4. **How does Jesus define greatness? What does he tell his disciples is involved in the makings of a great man?**

5. **Was Jesus successful in what he set out to do? If so, how successful?**

6. **Jesus says that greatness is found in humility and service. How can we show that kind of greatness in our lives?**