

Sermon Title: "Great in Love & Service"

Scripture: Mark 10:42-45 Pastor Stephen Schultze Sunday, March 28, 2021

Introduction: Within mankind is an innate desire to be great, but the world operates with a broken definition of greatness.

- 1. Greatness in the kingdom of man is marked by pride and selfishness. (v. 42)
 - There is no smaller person than the one who wields great authority and power for selfish gain.

Scripture: Matthew 23:8-12; Proverbs 29:23

2. Greatness in the Kingdom of God is defined by ministry and humility. (v. 43-44)

Scripture: Mark 10:43–44; Galatians 5:13

- There is no greater person than one who wields all their resources to meet the greatest needs of others.
- 3. Greatness in the Kingdom of God is personified in Jesus Christ. (v. 45)

Scripture: 1 Timothy 1:15; Isaiah 53:11-12; Hebrews 9:28; Revelation 5:9-10

 Jesus Christ, the Eternal King was the greatest servant who met our greatest need that we might have eternal hope.

Conclusion: Great love yields great service.

Questions to Consider:

- Is it wrong to desire to be great? What is wrong with the world's definition of greatness?
- Is it wrong for a believer to hold great power, authority and position? Why or why not?
- What is the connection between love and service?
- How does great service demonstrate true greatness?
- What did it cost Jesus to meet mankind's greatest need?
- Is there someone you struggle to serve? How is God calling you to great love towards them?