

## INI-SDG

In the Name of Jesus – To God Alone the Glory

10.4.2009 Pentecost 18 – St. Stephen Lutheran (West Bay) Mountain View, CA

**Intro/Children's Sermon:** What is a welcome mat?

**Greeting:** Grace, mercy, and peace be to you from our Lord Jesus. Amen.

The Word of God I would like to lay upon your hearts this morning is from:

**NIV Mark 9:30-37** 30 They left that place and passed through Galilee. Jesus did not want anyone to know where they were, 31 because he was teaching his disciples. He said to them, "The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into the hands of men. They will kill him, and after three days he will rise." 32 But they did not understand what he meant and were afraid to ask him about it.

33 They came to Capernaum. When he was in the house, he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the road?" 34 But they kept quiet because on the way they had argued about who was the greatest. 35 Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, "If anyone wants to be first, he must be the very last, and the servant of all." 36 He took a little child and had him stand among them. Taking him in his arms, he said to them, 37 "Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me."

**Prayer:** Oh Lord God, by the grace/power of your Holy Spirit humble our hearts and be first in our minds today and throughout our lives. Amen.

**Background:** V30 "that place?"

-What did Jesus do? =

**V30-31a** – "passed through Galilee" =

-What kind of servant or employee would you like to have serve you?

#1 A servant of self... or #2 A servant of all?

### 1. The Servant of SELF

**Worldly Wisdom...** "Get Yours." **Selfish Pride**

-Sinful nature is =

**(Proverbs 16:2)** All the ways of a man are clean in his own sight, But the LORD weighs the motives.

**V33-34** -"argued" (discussed, disputed) –What was the reason for it?

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What was Jesus' concern for His disciples? =

-Evaluate: Is Jesus concerned for you and me?

**(Prov 16:18)** Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall.

**Theme: You First.** ...How does this theme apply to your life? \_\_\_\_\_

Today's Epistle reading (on back): **James 3:13-18** -See the contrast...

-The wisdom of the world =

-The wisdom from heaven =

**(Mark 8:31)** NOTE Jesus repeated Himself a lot to His disciples - why?

Forgetful =

HIS Word is =

Distracted – by the crowds (by the world)

1. =

2. =

### 2. The Servant of ALL

**V30-31a** – Why is a class ratio important to parents? =

**V35** –Christ's example =

True Love =

Why does the WORLD (you and I) need Christ's Passion?

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Responsive Reading (**Psalm 119:40**) =

**(Matt 5:20)** =

**(Isaiah 64:6-8)** =

**(John 3:30)** =

Baptism =

Lord's Supper =

Now: In view of ALL that our Suffering Servant (Jesus Christ) does for you:

Ask yourself what kind of servant (employee?) Jesus would like you to be.

#1 A servant of self... or #2 A servant of all? =

**(Mark 10:42-45)** –Christian Chivalry says =

-In view of what we learned last week...

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**V37** –"The Welcome Mat" =

**Closing:** The Word of God is simple:

Jesus attitude/love for us is... =

Our prayer: =

Amen!

*This peace of God that passes all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in our risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! Amen.*

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**Background:** V30 "that place" [draw map of Galilee/Capernaum]

-What did Jesus do? He healed a boy (huge crowd there)

**V30-31a** – "passed through Galilee" (traveling while teaching His servants)

-What kind of servant or employee would you like to have serve you?

#1 A servant of self... or #2 A servant of all?

## 2. The Servant of SELF

**Worldly Wisdom...** "Get Yours." **Selfish Pride**

-Sinful nature is a servant of self BEFORE a servant of others.

**(Proverbs 16:2)** All the ways of a man are clean in his own sight, But the LORD weighs the motives.

**V33-34** -"argued" (discussed, disputed) –What was the reason for it?

-Transfiguration disciples more special; or Peter's faith?

What was Jesus' concern for His disciples? ...following their sinful pride

-Evaluate: Is Jesus concerned for you and me?

**(Prov 16:18)** Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall.

**Theme: You First.** ...How does this theme apply to your life? "You First Lord."

Today's Epistle reading (on back): **James 3:13-18** -See the contrast...

-The wisdom of the world = ME First

-The wisdom from heaven = YOU First (Seen in Christ) How?

**(Mark 8:31)** NOTE Jesus repeated Himself a lot to His disciples - why?  
Forgetful –His Words/plan -He teaches us along the journey too...  
(His Word is what builds up any relationship with Him.)

Distracted – by the crowds (by the world – idols made of plastic)

1. Follow Him (put Him first in our lives – **Matt 6:33**)
2. Follow His example (serve others!)

## 3. The Servant of ALL

**V30-31a** – Why is a class ratio important to parents? (students = forget/distract)

**V35** –Christ's example (Teaching about His Passion for the world)

True Love = "what one is willing to endure for another" (suffering/death)

Why does the WORLD (you and I) need Christ's Passion?

Because my SIN/PRIDE is great!

Responsive Reading (**Psalms 119:40**) Preserve my life in Your righteousness.

**(Matt 5:20)** NOT...self righteous (I'm a good person – I'll go to heaven)

**(Isaiah 64:6-8)** Jesus is... "The Lord our righteousness"

**(John 3:30)** He must increase, I must decrease

Baptism =Washes us in His righteousness (clean in God's eyes)

Lord's Supper =Nourishes us with His righteousness (Eat and drink)

Now: In view of ALL that our Suffering Servant (Jesus Christ) does for you:

Ask yourself what kind of servant (employee?) Jesus would like you to be.

#1 A servant of self... or #2 A servant of all? (Your example for Christ)

**(Mark 10:42-45)** –Christian Chivalry says "You First" just as Christ did for us.

-In view of what we learned last week... the trust/power God has in you to share Gospel, motivation in Christ to humbly serve others with Gospel.

**V37** –"The Welcome Mat" = He took our filth...welcomes us to our eternal home

**Closing:** The Word of God is simple:

**Jesus attitude/love for us is... YOU First.**

Our prayer: Is THAT would be our same attitude at all times for Him. Amen.

*This peace of God that passes all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in our risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! Amen.*