

It's All in the Questions You Ask or Don't Ask

Mark 9:30-35

Background information:

- The unasked question and the unanswered question are critical components of today's lesson because they tell us something about the group of men who are following Jesus.
- Although this isn't the first time that Jesus predicts his death, Jesus' message confuses the Twelve Disciples.
- Jesus both personifies a type of leadership and teaches about a type of leadership that doesn't fit into the Twelve Disciples' expectations because it suggests that serving and/or giving is the mark of a Godly leader.

Activity: Use the space below to finish the following sentence –

A Godly Leader is...

Getting Into the Word:

- 1) What do you think motivates the Twelve Disciples to keep silent when Jesus' words confuse them?

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2) Why do you think Jesus begins a teaching on what it means to be great when the Twelve Disciples don't answer his question concerning what they were arguing about?

3) The word translated as *afraid* in verse 32 implies that the Twelve Disciples were frozen with fear. Yet, God uses Paul to teach us that God didn't give us a Spirit of Fear in 2 Timothy 1:7-8. Therefore, what can members of our fellowship community do to free themselves and others from this Spirit of Fear that sometimes paralyzes the faithful?