

### The Heart of the Matter

12. What is something you could do for others in Jesus' name?

13. How does Jesus' idea of success differ from the success that is upheld in our secular world today?

14. What do you need to cut out of your life right now to walk with Christ in purity?

15. What can you do to be the salt of the earth in your relationships?

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## Life Group Study Guide

(Life Groups Coming Fall 2017)

### Stumbling Blocks Mark 9:33-50 For the Week of January 8, 2017

#### Getting Started

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling?
2. Who do you know that is really good with children? What qualities do they possess that help them relate well to children?
3. If you had to give up a hand, a foot, or an eye, which would you give up and why?

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### **Digging Deeper**

4. In verses 33-34 Jesus asks the disciple what they were talking about on their way to meet him. The reality is they were arguing about who was the greatest among them. If you were a disciple, what might you be thinking when Jesus asked about the conversation?

5. What are the clear implications we can learn from Jesus in verse 35? How did Jesus personally demonstrate this kind of servanthood in John 13:1-17?

6. Why do you think Jesus uses a child as an object lesson on true greatness in the kingdom? V36

7. What do you think the disciples were thinking as Jesus took a child into his arms? V36 How can we receive, care for and love the “least of these” in a better way?

8. What was John’s real concern in verse 38? How did Jesus help John look at things in a better way? What does it mean to do something “in Jesus’ name”?

9. What four things does Jesus say are “better” in verses 42-48? What do they all have in common? Why is this teaching so important?

10. From time to time Jesus uses hyperbole (extravagant or exaggerative language that describes something as better or worse than it really is) to teach a spiritual truth. How is Jesus using hyperbole in verses 42-48 to make his point?

11. How does Jesus’ call to be at peace in verse 50 relate to verses 33-49?