



BREAKING THE ICE

What is the greatest travel destination of all time? And why?

What is the greatest band of all time? And why?

Last week we concluded our Awaken series with the sense of taste. So, what was the greatest thing you ate in the last week?

MAIN CONTENT

This week, Pastor Kevin talked about Jesus being the greatest of all time. Jesus was the perfect example of what it looks like to lead through serving others.

Read Mark 10:45

Jesus came to serve, not to be served. And he came to give his life for you and me.

1. Describe a time when someone served you really well. Maybe you had a great dining experience, or maybe someone bought you the perfect gift. How did that make you feel?

The feelings that come from being served really well might have been a part of what Jesus wanted the people around Him to feel. Being served really well shows intentionality, honor, and love... Not always because of what we receive, but instead because the person knew what was in our hearts.

2. Pastor Kevin talked about our “Little Kingdom” and used the example of your car as your kingdom. What you say goes. What part of your “Little Kingdom” is the hardest to trust God with? Where do you find yourself trying to take control?

The parts of our lives that we care about the most are the hardest to trust God with. But as you learn more about Jesus, the faithful, true, merciful, and just king who fights for us, serves, and forgives, your trust will grow and you will be able to live freely within His kingdom.

Read Mark 1:16

3. Through his disciples, Jesus redefined greatness. Jesus saw greatness inside of them before they even saw it within themselves. Jesus wasn't looking for a stellar resume or a perfect GPA; he was looking for

the faith it would take to drop everything and follow Him. Describe a time when someone saw a gift within you before you saw it within yourself. What happened when they shared that with you?

Jesus had the ability to share with his disciples the gifts that they brought to the team long before they saw it within themselves, and we have that ability too, as we begin pointing others towards Jesus. The focus doesn't have to be on ability, because all we need is to follow Jesus together.

4. The second step on the path to greatness is to live a life that is focused on others. Jesus told His disciples that they would be "fishers of men." This was His relevant way of saying that they would gain influence with people and make a difference in the world. Who do you know that's close to you but doesn't follow Jesus? How can you (or your Group) invite them to follow Jesus alongside you?

One of the most powerful experiences a person can have is a personal invitation. Greatness within Jesus' kingdom looks less like leading others, and more like following Jesus alongside them. You may never know what an invitation will do!

CLOSING PRAYER

God, thank you for being the greatest of all time. Thank you for defining greatness for us in that we don't have to perform well enough or do well enough to earn your love. Would you show us how to follow you more closely and how to invite others into that? We trust you. Amen.

ACTION STEP

+ Who might you serve this week? What is one "above and beyond" thing that you could do for someone close to you?

+ Take five minutes each day to surrender your "Little Kingdom" to God.

+ Start reading through the book of Mark with us this week. We will have our devotions online at <https://crosspoint.tv/mark/>