

## Group Notes Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2008

### Mark 9:30-40      True Greatness

Jesus said “anyone who wants to be first he must be the very last and the servant of all” (v. 35 and Matt 18:3 “whoever humbles himself like this child is greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven”).

#### Group Questions

1. What does it mean for us as individuals to pursue greatness and what are the most significant challenges we face when doing that?
2. It is vital that we as a church are humble and avoid the temptation to pride as we grow and are blessed by God. What are the main dangers in this and how can we make sure that we maintain the right attitudes of heart? (see the summary of notes about John the Baptist below)

Jesus also said that there was none greater born of women than John the Baptist. We looked at characteristics of John.

1. He knew who he was not and did not let others think more highly of him than they ought.
2. He knew who he was and went on to fulfil his calling.
3. He knew his mission to make way for the Lord – and then get out of the way.
4. He knew his place “unworthy to untie the thongs of His sandals”
5. He knew his measure was God-given “A man can receive only what is given him from heaven” was his comment when others were going over to follow Jesus.
6. He gave his life for the cause of Christ.