



## *I Want to Be Great #1 :: A New View* {Clay Scroggins}

### INTRODUCTION

What makes a person great? Is greatness defined by your accomplishments? Your level of competence? Your financial success? Jesus, as he so often does, turns our thinking upside down and challenges our definitions of greatness. In this session, we learn that greatness in God's economy is measured by a remarkably different set of standards.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. As a child in what areas did you want to be great?
2. As an adult, in what areas are you great? In what areas are you not-so-great?
3. Who are the greatest people you have known? What made them great?
4. Read Mark 9:33-35. How does Jesus' definition of greatness differ from popular definitions of greatness?
5. What risks are involved in pursuing God's definition of greatness?
6. In what ways can you exhibit greatness to those around you?

### THINK ABOUT IT

For many of us, we would prefer to achieve victory in battle than to take a towel and wash someone's feet. The former lends itself to our customary idea of greatness. Yet it's the latter that is so readily taught and demonstrated by Jesus Christ. You may be great at a particular sport or a particular profession, but real greatness is measured by our willingness to use our gifts and talents for others.

### WHAT WILL YOU DO?

This week, identify a specific area of life and choose to leverage your gifts and talents to serve someone other than yourself.

### CHANGING YOUR MIND

*Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, "Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all."*

Mark 9:35