

## Bible Study 11 – Who is the greatest? – Mark 9

In 1986, two ships collided in the Black Sea off the coast of Russia. Hundreds of passengers died as they were hurled into the icy waters below. An investigation of the disaster revealed it wasn't caused by a technological problem like a radar malfunction - or even thick fog. The cause was human stubbornness. Each captain was aware of the other ship's presence nearby. Both could have steered clear, but according to news reports, neither captain wanted to give way to the other. Each was too proud to yield first. By the time they came to their senses, it was too late. Today we look at how we are to live in our self-centred, competitive world.

### *PART 1 Read and summarise each section - Mark 9:30-50*

Prediction (v.30-32)	
Pride (v.33-34)	
Greatness/ Humility (v.35-37)	
1 <sup>st</sup> Example of greatness (v.38-40)	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Example of greatness (v.41-42)	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Example of greatness (v.43-49)	
Salt of the earth (v.50)	

### *PART 2 Things I discovered in this passage*

*1. What I learnt about Jesus Christ.*

*2. What I learnt about people like us.*

*3. What is the most important biblical principle being taught?*

*4. Summarise the key verse(s) in your own words*

*5. Which other parts of the passage caught your attention?*

*6. How do you and those in your Christian community need to be at peace with each other (v.50)?*

*7. Which parts of the passage were difficult to understand? What questions come to your mind?*

Let's be great in God's sight by self-discipline/judgment (dealing with our wrongs); by welcoming and serving everyone; by not rejecting people because they don't know everything yet; and by helping those in need instead of hindering them.

