

“But Jesus Said...”

Sermon Notes

- **Our relationships with other people provide an unerring temperature gauge for our relationship with our Lord**

****We betray our grasp of Jesus' mission with our...***

1. ... _____ to _____ ourselves to one another
(vv.46-48)

So...

2. ... _____ to _____ with one another
(vv.49-50; Luke 11:23)

So...

**Next Week: Matthew 18:15-20 - “When Your Brother Sins Against You”:
*Corrective Church Discipline @ MEFC***

Community Group Study Guide
For the Week of November 19th - 25th

Please read Luke 9:46-48.

1. In verse 46, an argument arises among the disciples about who is the greatest.
 - a. Could this argument have anything to do with the impending death of Jesus that he had announced in verses 22 and 44? If so, what?
 - b. Could this argument have anything to do with the mountaintop experience of three of the disciples (see vv. 28-36)? If so, what?
 - c. Could this argument have anything to do with the failure of the disciples while Jesus was on the mountaintop (see v. 40)? If so, what?
 - d. Do any of these disciples think of themselves as a particularly suitable leader (See Matthew 26:33; Mark 10:37)? How might that attitude show in an argument about leadership?
2. In verse 47, Luke says that Jesus knew the reasoning of their hearts. The word that he uses is the same word translated "argument" in verse 46.
 - a. Was this reasoning something that happened out loud, or in the minds of the disciples? Please explain your answer.
 - (1). If it was out loud, why did Jesus need to know the reasoning of their hearts?
 - (2). If it was in the minds of the disciples, how did it arise "among them"?
 - b. What was wrong with the hearts of the disciples in this episode?
 - c. Would this become a problem in the early church? Please explain. (See 3 John 9)
 - d. Is this still a problem today? Why or why not?
 - e. How does the child demonstrate what is wrong in the hearts of the disciples?
3. In verse 48, Jesus indicates that the disciples need to receive the child in his name.
 - a. What does it mean to receive a child in the name of Jesus?

b. What does it mean to receive Jesus?

c. Is the way that Jesus is received in some way comparable to how the child is to be received? Please explain.

d. What does this have to do with the inability of the disciples to understand what Jesus has been saying (see verse 45)?

e. What does it mean to receive the one who sent Jesus?

f. What does this have to do with the argument about who is the greatest?

4. In verse 48, Jesus says that the one who is least among you is the one who is great.

a. What does it mean to be least?

b. How would the disciples compare their own status with that of the child? How would the disciples compare their own status to that of other disciples who were not of "the twelve"?

c. Who is the least in this scenario?

d. Who is great in this scenario?

e. Who is the leader?

f. How has he treated his followers?