



## Sermon Notes: The Secret Path to Greatness

### 1. Human concepts of greatness.

- a. Power.
- b. Prestige.
- c. Character.

### 2. Divine concepts of greatness.

- a. Humility.
- b. Service.
- c. Faithfulness.

Caveat:

### 3. Gospel concepts of greatness.

- a. Finding your identity in God's love for you.
  
- b. Finding your purpose in God's grace toward you.



## Gospel Applications: The Secret Path to Greatness

1. In your work/social circles, how do you think others define greatness?
2. By default, what quality or accomplishment do you tend to associate with greatness more than any other?
3. What's your gut reaction to hearing Jesus define greatness in terms of lowly service?
4. Based on what Jesus says in Luke 22:25-27, how great are you? Explain.
5. Are humility, service, and faithfulness intrinsically good? To put it another way, what could possibly make humility, service, or faithfulness bad? Explain.
6. Share some examples of when/how Jesus modeled humility, service, and faithfulness. What do you learn from these examples?
7. Why is it critically important to find your identity in Christ's love for you rather than in your love for Christ? Practically, what are some things in your life that would change if you could actually live this way?
8. What was paradoxical about Jesus' humble service? What is paradoxical about true Christian service? How does this encourage and inspire you?

### **Pray.**

1. Ask God to show you where your ideas of greatness are not Christlike. Confess how you've sought your identity in these things, and acknowledge what effect that's had on your life – and on others.
2. Ask God to overwhelm you with confidence and joy in his love and purpose for you. Trust him to shift your focus from yourself (your accomplishments, status, influence, etc.) to God and others.