

Paradoxes to Live by

Greatness belongs to the least

Various occasions where Jesus offers this paradox:

Matt. 19:27-30, 20:16, Mk. 10:28-31, Lk. 13:30

When this paradox is offered to the arguing 12:

- 1) At Capernaum, Matt. 18:1-5, Mk. 9:33-37, Lk. 9:46-48
right after Jesus told the 12 of His suffering and death

- 2) Heading to Jerusalem, Matt. 20:20-28, Mk. 10:35-45
right after Jesus told the 12 of His suffering/death

- 3) During the final Passover, Lk. 22:24-27
right after the 12 learn one of them will betray Jesus

Why such a concern about greatness and what is it?
See Matt. 5:19, 11:11, 24:45-47, 25:14-30, Mk. 10:28-31, Lk. 12:37-48, 19:12-27, Rev. 3:21.

What stands out about Jesus' reaction to the disciples' repeated concern/arguments about greatness?

What obviously keeps many Christians from aiming for greatness in the kingdom?