



"If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all."

MARK 9:35 · ESV, EXCERPT

MAKE ROOM ON THE WAY

*A one-page reflection guide
Read Mark 9:30-37*

Ordinary encounters can uncover our desire to be first. Bring that desire to Jesus. His welcome is received by grace. Ask His Spirit to help you serve the person before you.

*The next person is someone
to welcome, not a place
to prove your worth.*

FIVE QUIET QUESTIONS

- 1. Which encounter is still occupying my thoughts?*
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- 2. What did I want: recognition, control, the last word, or something else?*
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- 3. How does Jesus' teaching challenge that desire?*
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- 4. Whom could I welcome without expecting anything in return?*
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- 5. What specific act of humble service can I offer today?*
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A SIMPLE PRACTICE

Pause. Name one desire before God. Remember Christ's death and resurrection for you. Offer one kindness: listen patiently, acknowledge a fault, or welcome someone overlooked.

A SHORT PRAYER

Lord Jesus, forgive my pride. Thank You for welcoming me by grace. Through Your Word and Spirit, teach me to notice the person before me. Help me offer the love I have received. Amen.

