

September 22nd 2024 25th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year B Mark 9:30-37

⁹⁻³⁰ They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; ³¹for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, 'The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.' ³²But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

³³ Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the way?' ³⁴But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. ³⁵He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, 'Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.' ³⁶Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷'Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Read and re-read – out loud and slowly the Gospel. ➤ Meditate - on reading as being spoken to you, an experience in your life. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Pray - Thanksgiving – Repentance – Petition. ➤ Action – Attitude (Call to change / to act /to do).
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In this week's gospel Jesus is making the point that leaders who make themselves last of all and servants of all have the capacity to welcome all Gods 'little ones'. These 'little ones' can be our society's less fortunate, drop outs and people on the margin. They approach them not as obstacles of pity or 'less fortunate' but rather as precious gifts sent by God the one who sent Jesus.

When were the times in your life you learned a precious lesson from one of those 'little ones' who have a special place in Gods plan?

Prayer:

Thank You Lord for the many times you touched us through people we looked down on. You sent them to us that we can see them in a new light.

Forgive us Lord for the times we spent so much time arguing about things we thought were important that we missed the important messages Jesus was revealing to us through his good news in the gospel.

Help us Lord to follow in the footsteps of Jesus welcoming all in his name. Let us remember when we welcome 'the little ones' we welcome Jesus .