

Lectio Divina

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- **Read and re-read**, out loud and slowly the Gospel
 - **Pray** - Thanksgiving – Repentance – Petition
 - **Meditate** on reading as being spoken to you, an experience in your life
 - **Action** – Attitude (Call to change / to act / to do)
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September 23rd 2012 25th Sunday Ordinary Time – Year B – Mark 9:30 – 37

In this week's gospel we see Jesus at a new and decisive stage on his journey. His glory days are over and he has decided to leave the relative safety of Galilee and go to Jerusalem where he will confront the powers of the nation. He has told us that anyone who welcomes little children in his name welcomes him and anyone who welcomes him welcomes the one who sent him. We can apply this "little" to those who are marginalised and do not feel that they belong to our community. Do we in our lives have the capacity to welcome "little ones" as Jesus did because he was not concerned about who was the greatest among them?

Prayer:

Lord we thank you for the people you sent into our lives to teach us that those who are concerned about "Who is the greatest" are not able to see the greatness of the humble people of God in the world.

Forgive us for the times that we let our sense of being the greatest get in the way of seeing all people as precious in the eyes of God.

Help us not to use our energy on trying to decide who is the greatest or the least of all but instead sit down with all and listen to them in the spirit of Jesus who is the way, the truth and the light.

