

Luke 9:43b-50

True greatness comes as we walk in His name.

I) Intro: Cow Story.

II) Passage: Read Luke 9:43b-50

III) Historical background: What kind of king & what kind of kingdom?

- 1) Jewish expectation of the day was a political king and a nationalistic kingdom.

IV) Jesus Replies:

1) This passage is calling us to walk through life "in his name." Greatness is found when we stop looking to ourselves for greatness and instead seek greatness through the name of Jesus. This is a perspective shift away from pride and towards humility. The child who was "in his name" exemplified this. The man who cast out demons "in his name" did as well and showed the disciples that they were seeking power and authority in their own name. This was especially evident when they resisted the man who was casting out demons in the name of Jesus. Whose name are we walking in today, Jesus' or our own?

V) What does it mean to be In His name?

- 1) We are in his name when we give our lives over to the control of Jesus.
- 2) We are in his name when we seek to get to know Jesus intellectually as well as personally.
- 3) We are in his name when we seek to intentionally advance Jesus in our communities and spheres of influence.

IV) Why is it important to be in his name?

- 1) When we walk in the name of Jesus we walk in his power and authority over the demonic and evil that seeks to control us.

IV Ending: End with the conclusion of the cow story.