point to the idea that the disciples were hoping to benefit from their connection to Jesus? In what ways throughout your faith journey have you tried to sprinkle in a little Jesus to get Him to bless what you wanted in life? Are there any areas currently in your life where you are trying to get Jesus to bless them, rather than submit them to Him?

Jesus takes this opportunity to set them straight on what to expect from the Messiah. How does the story of the Gospel compare and contrast to other stories of greatness in our culture? Why is it sometimes hard to believe that following Jesus will bring us a greater life? What evidence in your life points to greater depth of humility like Jesus?

3. APPLY THE TRUTH

Are there any areas in your life or heart right now that you are pursuing apart from Jesus because you think they are better, more important or greater for your life? If so, what do you need to do about that?

THE GREATNESS OF JESUS

Luke 9:7-9, 18-22

HOW AM I ______ TO The greatness of Jesus?

I. Is Jesus a _____ to my greatness? – v. 7-9

Do I ______ Jesus as a threat to me having a greater life?

II. Is Jesus a _____ for my greatness? – v. 18-20

Am I trying to ______ Jesus to get my version of a greater life?

III. Is Jesus my _____ of true greatness? – v. 21-22

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January 26, 2025

SMALL GROUP APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. STUDY THE WORD

Read Luke 9:7-9, 18-22. Who is the greatest or most famous person you have ever met in person? What was the experience like? How did you respond to them?

2. ASSESS YOUR LIFE

The story of Herod's perplexity almost seems out of nowhere until you see the connection to the disciples' mission and the following conversation. It usually takes a lot to shake up a man of Herod's position and power, so what is it about Jesus that has him so concerned? In what ways did you view Jesus as a threat to your life and autonomy before salvation? In what ways have you still felt threatened by Jesus's presence even as a believer? Do you currently have any areas of your life or heart that you are keeping from Jesus because He threatens what you are desiring or pursuing?

The level of my greatness depends on my ______.

Am I ______ Jesus's example to experience a truly greater life?

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The disciples had come to understand Jesus as the Messiah, but had false expectations of what that would mean for them. What other scriptural examples from the Gospels

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