



September 19, 2021

Mark 9:30-37

Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.



Pray: Light a candle. Open your devotion with prayer.

O Lord, you have shown us that to be great in your kingdom means to serve. Lead us to put others ahead of ourselves, that we might follow in your path of grace. Amen.



Read: Read the key verse from Sunday's reading.

He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." (Mark 9:35)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

When the disciples argued about who was the greatest, Jesus taught them that the greatest thing is to serve.



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household or community.

What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?

Has your community ever been focused on something superficial when bigger issues were happening? What were the issues? Were they able to refocus? How?

Do you like to be in charge? Why or why not? Do you struggle when others are in charge? What helps you defer to others?

For the littles: What happens if you don't get what you want?



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God grant you the ability to see the bigger picture instead of focusing inward. Amen.



Do: By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

Instead of worrying about yourself, focus on serving others. Help carry groceries for someone at the store, open doors, offer to help with chores for neighbors who have mobility challenges.



Go Deeper: Go to bit.ly/daily-devotions-rcl for the daily readings!

Monday, Psalm 128; Proverbs 27:1-27; James 4:8-17

Tuesday, Psalm 128; Ecclesiastes 4:9-16; James 5:1-6

Wednesday, Psalm 128; Ecclesiastes 5:1-20; John 8:21-38

Thursday, Psalm 124; Esther 1:1-21; Acts 4:13-31

Friday, Psalm 124; Esther 2:1-23; Acts 12:20-25

Saturday, Psalm 124; Esther 3:1-15; Matthew 5:13-20