

## **SERIES: “Running With the Giants”: Week 6**

### **Week 6: Jesus**

Take a few moments to check in —

Answer one of these two questions: What’s the most exciting sporting event you’ve watched or attended? Who’s the greatest athlete you’ve seen compete?

Discussion Questions:

1. Have you heard the phrase, “Second place is just a nice title for first loser”? Whether it’s in sports or any other arena of life, why is winning such a big deal in our nation and world?
2. Can you think of specific ways people seek to win? To make it a little more personal, can you think of any specific ways YOU really like to win?
3. Read Hebrews 12:1-2 together, then discuss: What does verse 2 indicate Jesus did to become the “giant of all giants” of the faith? What really sets him apart?
4. Have you ever witnessed someone having an exaggerated sense of their own self-importance? How did that go for them? How about you — have you ever been that person? If so, how did that go for you?
5. Read Mark 10:32-45 together, then discuss: Instead of rebuking James and John for their question in verse 37, what does Jesus do? What was he trying to help these guys understand? In verse 42, it says the other disciples “became indignant with James and John.” Why did they get so upset about their request?
6. Have you ever had a crystal-clear lesson in humility? What were the circumstances, and what did you learn about yourself?
7. Go back and take a closer look at Mark 10:42-44, then discuss: Jesus says, “Not so with you.” What does he mean? What values is Jesus promoting here? What is he saying should be different about how those in the world act and how those who follow God act?

8. It's such good teaching, right? I mean, "the greatest among you will be the servant of all." So here's the deal... even though we know it's good and right for us to do, why is it so hard at times to serve others and live an others-focused life?

9. Read Mark 10:45 together, then discuss: What would it look like if we began to more intentionally serve as Jesus served? Seriously, what would happen? What would the world look like? Take some time to imagine what could happen if we did this together.

Wrap-Up:

Close in prayer, asking God to help us surrender to the life God has called us to and to serve others as best we can.