

April 14, 2024

What Were You Arguing About?

Mark 9:30-36; Luke 22:24-26

- We're looking at the questions of Jesus to help us discover the concerns that are on His heart.
- In asking His disciples, "What were you arguing about on the road?" (Mk. 9:33), Jesus was exposing the way they looked for greatness in self-promotion. There are several places He addressed this issue and we'll explore His teaching using two categories...

The Trap of Self-Promotion

- When we look for greatness through self-promotion...
 - We are anxiously driven by comparison. (Mk. 9:36-37)
 - We easily miss God's greater agenda. (Luke 22:14-15;24)
 - We lose our distinctiveness. (Luke 22:24-26)

The Invitation to the Greatness of Service

- Humble service is rooted in godly identity. (John 13:3)
- Humble service ultimately leads to the fulfillment we're looking for. (Mk. 9:35)
- Humble service simply serves the "face in front of me." (Mk. 9:37)

Discussion/Reflection Questions

- Why do you think the disciples were arguing about who was the greatest? What do you think motivated this? In what ways do you see these same motives at work in your life?
- What are the results of living our lives trying to forge the image that we're "greater" than others?
- Why is humble service best rooted in an identity formed by God's love and truth?
- In what ways can humbly serving others provide meaningful fulfillment?
- What does it mean to you to "love the face in front of you?"

Welcome to McKernan Baptist Church! We are so glad you have joined us either in person or online this Sunday. Today, we continue a series of sermons exploring some of the questions of Jesus that we find in the Gospels. Today's question challenges us to avoid the trap of self-promotion and invites us to Jesus' greater way of humble service.

When He (Jesus) was in the house,
He asked them, "What were you arguing about on the road?"
But they kept quiet because on the way
they had argued about who was the greatest.

- Mark 9:33-34 (NIV)

If Jesus directed the same question to contemporary followers that He asked His first disciples, "What were you arguing about on the road?" the answer will be no less embarrassing. Christians still jockey for prominence. The unbridled will to power still surfaces,...destroying fellowship and eviscerating Christian love. Little has changed.

- David Garland, Mark (NIV Application Commentary)

[The disciples] dispute about which of them is going to be regarded as the greatest; Jesus answers by standing the notion of greatness itself on its head.

- NT Wright, Luke for Everyone

In the Roman world, aspiring politicians would climb the social ladder by acts of public generosity...But you, says Jesus, should not be like them. You should never give something to get something in return. This is an upside-down kingdom where little children are the greatest, where the last will be first and where the Lord of all becomes the servant of all.

- Michael Card, The Gospel of Amazement

Without a prior, life-consuming experience of God's love for us, we will be singularly ill-equipped to love anyone else. This is what often characterizes the lives of people who have given themselves to profound acts of Christian service around the world. The story of their pilgrimage begins with an overwhelming encounter with God's goodness, which never fades for them.

- Gary Burge, John (NIV Application Commentary)

Welcome! Let's get acquainted.

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- Would like to know more about being a Christian
- I have a prayer request

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WELLING IN
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9:00AM
11:00AM
Sunday Service Times

McKernan
BAPTIST CHURCH

THIS WEEK

TUESDAY, MORNING BIBLE STUDY, 10am (Hospitality)

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY, 9:30am (Hospitality)

THURSDAY YA BOARD GAMES, 7pm (Hospitality)

FRIDAY, DAYBREAK, 9:30-11:30am (Multipurpose Room, downstairs)

Informal drop-in for parents with preschool children. For more info, email Pastor Jerilyn, jerilyn@mckernanbaptist.ca/.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF / OPERATIONS MANAGER (PT)

We are currently looking for a part-time Operations Manager to join our McKernan team. More details available online, mckernanbaptist.ca/Employment/.

SOUND/TECH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Do you have experience running a soundboard and a passion/ear for music or projection? For more info, contact Pastor Dave (Dave@mckernanbaptist.ca) or Snow (tech@mckernanbaptist.ca).

EVENING EVENT HOST

Details available online, mckernanbaptist.ca/Employment/.

MCKERNAN CHILDCARE EDUCATORS

We are currently seeking 2 full-time teaching positions as well as a summer student (18+). If you are an educator with a minimum level-1 certification who values community, building relationships, and works well in a team environment, please [visit our website](#) for more information or send your resume to angie@mckernanbaptist.ca/.

BOARD NOMINATIONS

The Church Board Nominating Committee is collecting nominations for members for the July 2024 - June 2025 board. All board members must be members of McKernan Baptist Church. For more information or to submit a nomination, please contact Nicole Pedde, Marv Schneider, Gerhard Hiob, or Trevor Toews, by April 21. You can also submit your recommendations online, mckernanbaptist.ca/nominees/.

MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK, Gary Short (International Student Ministries)

International Student Ministries Canada (ISMC) is a national ministry focused on reaching international students who conduct their studies at Canadian universities and colleges. It operates in three different spheres: practical, social and spiritual.

In Edmonton, the practical component consists of the furniture ministry and ESL. The furniture ministry helps the students move and pick up furniture. At times we are able to offer them donated furniture. Each person that we help in this way is offered a Bible which many students accept with gratitude.

The social aspect consists of interacting with students at picnics and games nights, as well as hospitality provided by individual volunteers. Relationships with international students provide opportunities to do activities together.

The spiritual aspect is carried out through one-on-one studies as well as through offering small group Bible studies on Friday nights at McKernan.

Prayer Requests

- That students will attend the studies, examine the Bible for themselves
- That students read the Bibles that they receive from us

UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL 25, PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT, EVP Centre (9455 45 Ave NW), 9-11 am

If you're 55+ you're invited to a round robin Pickleball tournament. Cost is **\$15.75/player**, payable at the door. Register online, mckernanbaptist.ca/pickle/ (registration deadline is April 18). Email jimschneider@shaw.ca/ with questions.

APRIL 27, MCKERNAN WOMEN presents **MADE IN HIS IMAGE**, 9:30am (Hospitality)

Join us for a potluck brunch and an opportunity to hear testimonies from women in our community. Childcare is available. Register online, mckernanbaptist.ca/made. Registration deadline is April 24.

APRIL 28, HYMN SING, 6pm, Steele Heights Baptist (5812 149 Ave NW)

Following the event, we invite those in attendance to join us for at time of fellowship and open face buns, sandwiches or desserts. All are welcome.

MAY (1st 4 Wednesdays), BAPTISM CLASSES (Boardroom)

Becoming a member of the local church is an important step in the life of a Christian. This class will provide you with important information about our core values, what we believe and the membership process. Register online at, mckernanbaptist.ca/baptism/, or contact Pastor Melissa for more information.

MAY 3-4, ABA CONFERENCE (Legacy Centre, Red Deer)

Alberta Baptist Association Celebration. Join with the ABA family as we are honoured to welcome Ray Duerksen, Church Renewal International, for this impactful annual conference. Details at, nab.ca/events/aba-2024-annual-conference/.

MAY 4, SPRING CLEANUP

Come on out for a day of camaraderie and cleaning. The more hands that help, the more fun we have! Add the play date to your calendar and bring your work gloves in case you end up working outside. See Joe for questions and register online, mckernanbaptist.ca/springclean/.

MAY 21-22, SPRING 2-DAY BIBLE CAMP, 8:15am - 3:30pm (K-Gr 5)

Get hoppin' Down Under to "Outback Rock" for two days full of music, skits, rock solid Bible adventures, outback games, crafts, cooking, friendships, and more! Register online, <https://vbspro.events/p/events/cbb845/>. Gr 6+ can volunteer.

MAY 23-25, EMBRACED RETREAT (Northgate Baptist)

Do you long to experience the Heavenly Father's heart of love for you? Are there wounds in your life hindering your ability to receive God's love? Join Bob Carroll as he teaches from his book, *Embraced*, and receive healing prayer for your life. Go to bobcarrollauthor.com to register.

JUNE 7-9, CHURCH WIDE CAMP

Registration is open! Visit mckernanbaptist.ca/camp for info and registration.

2023 - 2024 General Operating Budget

Budget 2023-2024 . \$2,082,857
 Received as of April 11\$ 28,052
 Amt needed each month ...\$173,571
 Balance to end of April .. \$(145,519)

Thank you for your generosity and continued support of our mission and ministry! In-person giving is available. You can deposit your gift in the offering plate or use the debit machine at the Welcome Centre. Online giving options are available at mckernanbaptist.ca/giving. You may also do e-transfers or pre-authorized debit from your bank.

2023 - 2024 Missions Budget

Budget 2023-2024 ... \$244,304
 Received as of April 11\$ 2,781
 Amt needed each month ... \$ 20,358
 Balance to end of April \$(17,577)

PRAYER ITEMS

- For the Kahila (Syrian refugees) family as we, as a church, continue the process of sponsoring this father and three children to Edmonton
- Students and newcomers looking for jobs
- Finals, end of semester for students
- For our Missionary Of The Week, Gary Short (ISM)

MISSIONS MAGAZINE

Available at the Welcome Centre or Missions Map wall.

LIBRARY NOTICE

Books are available for a 3-week period. Please return your overdue books.

DAILY DEVOTIONALS

Receive daily devotionals from our pastors. Visit mckernanbaptist.ca/blog to subscribe.

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YOUNG ADULTS (Ages 18-29), Weekly

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The CROSSING (~ Ages 30 - 40), Monthly

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McKERNAN GROUPS

Talk to Pastor Mike for info on joining.
 => mckernanbaptist.ca/groups

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