Here's a small group guide based on the sermon transcription about "The Path to Greatness":

Small Group Guide: The Path to Greatness

Opening Prayer

Key Takeaways:

1. True greatness is about impacting God's kingdom, not self-promotion.

2. The path to greatness begins with faith in Jesus Christ and obedience to His call.

3. Conversion (repentance) is essential for entering God's kingdom.

4. We must become childlike in our trust and humility before God.

5. Humbling ourselves under God's mighty hand leads to exaltation in His timing.

Discussion Questions:

1. What stood out to you most from the sermon? Why?

2. The disciples argued about who was the greatest. How do you see this attitude manifesting in the church or society today?

3. Jesus used a child as an example of greatness. What childlike qualities do you think are most important for our spiritual growth?

4. The pastor mentioned that we all have a desire to be known for something. How can we channel this desire in a God-honoring way?

5. Discuss the concept of being "converted" or repenting. How has your life changed direction since coming to Christ?

6. What does it mean to you to "humble yourself under the mighty hand of God"? How can we practice this in our daily lives?

7. The sermon touched on trusting God's Word entirely. How do you approach passages of Scripture that are difficult to understand or accept?

8. How does the idea of greatness in God's kingdom differ from the world's definition of greatness?

Practical Applications:

1. This week, intentionally practice childlike trust in a situation where you're tempted to worry or control outcomes.

2. Identify an area in your life where you need to "turn and go in the opposite direction." Share with the group and ask for prayer support.

3. Write a short prayer of surrender, submitting to God's will in an area where you're struggling.

4. Look for opportunities to serve others humbly, putting their needs before your own.

5. Memorize a Bible verse about humility (e.g., 1 Peter 5:6 or James 4:10).

Closing Prayer:

Thank God for His definition of greatness and ask for His help in pursuing it according to His will.