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3. When Jesus spoke about His death and resurrection, what did the disciples hear? What were they discussing and what were they primarily concerned about? (v.34) How did Jesus respond to their ideas? (v.35)
4. Discuss how Jesus redefined ‘greatness’. (Phil 2:3 vs.3 Jn 9 and 1 Cor 4:8-13) Was he saying that there was no such thing as greatness? How does this apply to us? What does it mean to be last and servant of all? What kind of a lifestyle is he talking about? (See Mark 8:34) Why did Jesus use a child to illustrate this?
5. Why did John attempt to stop this man from casting out demons? (v.38) What was his problem? Why did Jesus tell them NOT to stop him? (v.39) What should our reaction and attitude be towards other believers who might do things differently than us?

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