"Descending into Greatness" Selected Scriptures February 12, 2017

A mature disciple of Christ does four things consistently:

- 1. Loves God
- 2. Loves Others
- 3. Loves Ministry
- 4. Loves the Lost

Question: Why was Jesus' pathway to greatness so radical?

Answer: Jesus Christ's journey to greatness didn't come by climbing up the ladder:; it came by going down the ladder. Jesus Christ descends into greatness. (Mark 9:30-32; Philippians 2:5-11)

What was Jesus' offer? You descend into greatness when you <u>humble yourself</u> and become a <u>servant</u>. (Mark 9:33-37)

Definition of serving: Serving means to see a need and do something about it.

Three ways Jesus served that we must emulate:

- 1. <u>Jesus served willingly.</u> (Matthew 20:29-32)
- 2. <u>Jesus served compassionately.</u> (Matthew 20:29-34)
- 3. <u>Jesus served faithfully.</u> (John 17:4)

The church-wide challenge: SHINE Weekend (March 25)