

Intro – TODAY WE HEAR ABOUT HOW TO REACH TRUE GREATNESS.

Remember Mohammed Ali? He'd brag "I am the greatest – I am the greatest".

Great boxer, true – but when boxing was over he founded the Mohammed Ali Ctr

- This non-profit has developed programs reaching both children and adults
- It serves all nations, all cultures, all nationalities, all ages & geographic areas

- In 1998 the UN declared Ali an International Messenger of Peace

- In 2005 Ali was awarded the US Medal of Freedom

- not for his boxing – but for his charity work

- JC teaches Apostles to be the greatest they must be servant of them all

- In Isaiah (500 yrs before JC) the Messiah is described as a Suffering Servant

- What does that mean for us NWD? ***How we live together here matters***

- Monk finds a huge jewel and gives it to a beggar

- "I want something greater"

- "Give me, what made you give me this"

- For the Monk, giving was easy, serving was a way of life.

- Something James and John needed to learn

- Jesus calls the Apostles to greatness – that means (Like Ali) its a call to Service

Jesus says if you want to be truly great its not in getting the JEWEL

(worldly goals - places of honor) its about being willing to give them up for others

(Example of Theresa of Calcutta)

St Patrick wasn't Irish – a Briton captured at 16, sold in Ireland as slave

Working as shepherd he prayed, saw God in nature all around him

Eventually he escaped back to Briton and became a priest

Returned to Ireland as missionary, then bishop

Serving those who had enslaved him – again in service GREATNESS

Jesus calls us all to be great in the KOG – by serving one another

Who is that one person in your life that could use a little help – start there