Luke 9 **We Are All Important**

[Narrator] Wouldn't it be great to have followed Jesus when he was on earth? We could learn so many things, especially we could learn from Jesus how to be really good people who did what God wanted us to do. You might think that everybody who followed Jesus, especially his most devoted followers would be really great examples of how Jesus showed us how to be. Well, the bible says maybe not. today we are going to see a story based on Luke 9 about some of the apostles who followed Jesus, how they treated each other, and what they learned. Maybe how they learned what Jesus wanted to teach them, and how he taught them will surprise you a little.

In our story are James, John, and Peter and of course there is Jesus and a family that is on the road with them for awhile.

[Scene] James, Peter and John are walking together, Jesus and family that has at least one child are walking in front. The three are talking, Jesus is engaged with members of family.

[James] Hey Peter, What job do you think Jesus is going to give you when God gets Jesus' kingdom started?

[Peter] Well, I don't want to brag but I think that I'm going to be his biggest helper.

[John] No way, I think that James and I are closer to Jesus than you are. You just make lots of noise.

[Peter] Hold on there, Jesus picked me first.

[John] So what he likes us better!

[Peter] no, he likes me better! In fact Jesus calls me the rock because he knows that I'm solid and he can count on me.

[James] I think he calls you the rock because you are only as smart as a rock

[Scene]Jesus stops and turns around. .

[Jesus] Is everything alright back there?

[James] Everything is Fine rabbi Jesus.

[Peter] Yes, we're just talking about stuff.

[James] Yes, we're just so excited about what will happen when God starts your kingdom.

 [Jesus] Hmmm, I think that we need to talk…

[scene] Jesus and disciples gather together.

[Jesus] I couldn't understand what you were saying back there, but it sounded a little angry to me. What was really going on back there. What were you really talking about?

[Peter] Well, ummm, we were trying to figure out what we would be doing for you when God gives you your kingdom. You know, who would be in charge of what and..

[Jesus] So you were trying to figure out who would be most important?

[scene] all three look down.

[all three] I guess so.

[Jesus] Let me see, how can I say this in a way that everyone will remember.

[scene] Takes child from family and asks him/her to come with him.

[Jesus]What everyone needs to understand is that in God's kingdom everyone is important. In God's kingdom nobody is more important than another. This child here is as important as you, as important as me, as important as anyone. Because he/she understands that they are just as important to God as anyone, they will be in the kingdom before a lot of people who think that they are really important will be. God calls us to do different things, but God isn't impressed by what we do but by how we treat others.

[Narrator] For many of us learning this lesson can sometimes be hard, just like it was for the disciples. But learning it is really important. If you think about it though, everyone being equally important is really great. In God's kingdom, nobody is more important to God than anyone else. We aren't important because of what we do, or what we have, we are important because God loves us. We are all important to God and we know that because Jesus told us so.