

ALONG THE WAY | WEEK 8

Date: June 4, 2023

Verses: Mark 9:33-50



SERIES INSIGHT

Along the Way is a series through the book of Mark! Join us as we unpack how Jesus worked and moved in the lives of people like you me on the journey of life “along the way”.

ICEBREAKER

- Think of the movie Home Alone. Which trap was the best? (If you don't know this movie reference, [1] you need to watch it, and [2] share instead a creative booby trap you might set)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. **Review the Message.** Looking back at your notes and upon reflecting on this weekend's message, what was your one takeaway from Sunday?
2. In Mark 9:33, the disciples were discussing who was the greatest among them. What do you think motivated them to have this discussion? Have you ever struggled with wanting to be seen as greater than others?
3. Jesus tells the disciples that whoever wants to be first must be last and servant of all. How does this teaching challenge our societal norms and values? In what ways?
4. In verses 38-41, John tells Jesus about someone who was casting out demons in his name, but the disciples tried to stop him because he was not one of them. Jesus responds by saying, "For he who is not against us is for us." How does this challenge our tendency to exclude or judge those who are different from us?
5. In verses 42-48, Jesus uses strong language to warn about the danger of causing others to sin. What do you think he meant by cutting off your hand or gouging out your eye if they cause you to sin?
6. Verses 49-50 speak about the saltiness of disciples and the need for them to be at peace with each other. How can we, as Christians, maintain our saltiness and be at peace with others in a society full of division and conflict?
7. Thinking over this Sunday message and the questions you've wrestled with here so far, what areas of your life will you commit to working out this week? We want to rally around and pray with you on that tonight.

PRAYER

Allow people to share requests and celebrate any praise reports as well. Consider having someone write down the requests to share with the group. Take time to pray however long your group needs.



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