Community Groups

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Use this guide to help your community group engage further with this week's sermon.

Why Couldn't We? (Mark 9:14-29)

November 8, 2026

Read Mark 9:14-29 and discuss these questions (*Kid-friendly questions are bolded*):

1. **What is one thing that stood out to you from this Bible passage and sermon, and why?**

2. A man comes to Jesus seeking help for a spirit possessing his son. What does this passage tell us about this spirit? How aware are you that God advances His kingdom into strong and violent spiritual opposition? Does this passage encourage you to be more or less aware of this?

3. **Jesus' disciples can't cast out the spirit, even though Jesus gave them authority to do so (Mark 3:14-15) and they had done it before (Mark 6:13). Why couldn't they do it this time? Read what Jesus says in 9:19 and what the disciples ask in 9:28. What do their words show about whom the disciples were relying on?**

4. In your experience, is it easy to rely on your own power to live the Christian life and serve others? Why or why not? What signs might indicate someone is relying on their own strength for the Christian life and ministry?

5. **Jesus tells His disciples, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer" (9:29). Whose prayer in this passage is Jesus pointing to? What stands out to you about the way this person asks Jesus for help? What can we learn from that prayer (9:24)?**

6. **Apart from Christ, we lack the power to live the Christian life and serve others. What does it look like to rely on Jesus as our source of power each day? What helps you remember to rely on Him, and when do you forget? What is one way you can humbly rely on God's power this week?**

Pray with one another. Spend time praying for one another, our community, and our world.