

# Sermon Guide



## **"You of Little Faith"** **July 10, 2022**

<sup>18</sup> And Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him, and the boy was healed instantly. <sup>19</sup> Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?" <sup>20</sup> He said to them, "Because of your little faith. For truly, I say to you, if you have faith like a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move, and nothing will be impossible for you."

In this Sunday's teaching, Greg made the case that mercy is the central theme of the book of Matthew. Read through the passage and pray for the Holy Spirit to illuminate new truths to you.

- 1. Greg says that we often imagine Jesus speaking to us with anger or condescension in His voice.** What did Greg say causes us to believe this about Jesus? (It relates to the nature of mercy.)
- 2. The disciples became so used to casting out demons that they forgot who empowers their ministry.** Do you find that happening in areas within your life? In what areas do you need to remember that Jesus empowers you (your ministry, your healing, your growth, etc.)?
- 3. Greg says that mercy is a central theme of Matthew.** How does Greg define mercy? In what ways do you still find yourself striving for God's mercy?
- 4. Greg says that the object of our faith, Jesus, makes even our small faith immeasurably powerful.** Have you ever had moments that your faith felt small? What was happening in your life? How does the above reality reframe those moments?
- 5. Greg references our need to abide in Christ in order to bear fruit.** What does abiding in Christ look like in your life? What fruit do you see as a result of abiding in Him?

**We often talk about taking your next step of faith with Jesus.** As you reflect on this week's teaching, what is the next step of faith you'll commit to? Perhaps you struggle to remember that mercy is not contingent on your best efforts. Maybe you relate to performing miracles in Jesus name but drift from deep knowing of Him.