

OHC G2 Week #6 Spring Block 2024 (Mark 9:38-41)

QUICK REVIEW: Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, convicted or confused you?

MY STORY: Have you ever been skeptical of what someone was doing in the name of Jesus simply because they didn't belong to your denomination?

DIGGING DEEPER: **Read or Tell the Story:** Mark 9:38-41

Why would the disciples try to stop a man from doing good in the name of Jesus?

How was this man demonstrating genuine faith in being able to cast out demons?

Why did Jesus defend the man casting out demons in His name?

What did you learn from this account?

Read Acts 6:1-7

Why were the Grecian believers complaining while knowing that it had the potential to cause disunity within the brethren?

What did the apostles do in response to their complaints?

How did the church fare after the apostles delegated the service of food to others?

Read Luke 22:26-27 Rewrite this teaching from Jesus in your own words?

MEMORIZE ONE: "I have hidden Your Word in my heart that I might not sin against You."
Psalm 68:5, Isaiah 41:10, Galatians 3:28, James 1:27

TAKING IT HOME: Do you have any additional thoughts or take-aways?

Mark 9:38-41

38 "Teacher," said John, "we saw someone driving out demons in your name and we told him to stop, because he was not one of us."

39 "Do not stop him," Jesus said. "For no one who does a miracle in my name can in the next moment say anything bad about me, 40 for whoever is not against us is for us. 41 Truly I tell you, anyone who gives you a cup of water in my name because you belong to the Messiah will certainly not lose their reward.

Acts 6:1-7

In those days when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenistic Jews^[a] among them complained against the Hebraic Jews because their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food. 2 So the Twelve gathered all the disciples together and said, "It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God in order to wait on tables. 3 Brothers and sisters, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them 4 and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word." 5 This proposal pleased the whole group. They chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit; also Philip, Procorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas from Antioch, a convert to Judaism. 6 They presented these men to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. 7 So the word of God spread. The number of disciples in Jerusalem increased rapidly, and a large number of priests became obedient to the faith.

Luke 22:26-27

26 But you are not to be like that. Instead, the greatest among you should be like the youngest, and the one who rules like the one who serves. 27 For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one who is at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.

Psalm 68:5

A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in his holy dwelling.

Isaiah 41:10

So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

Galatians 3:28

There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

James 1:27

Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.