## OHC G2 Week #4 Spring Block 2024

**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: In what area of your life are you competitive with others?

**DIGGING DEEPER:** Read or tell the story: Mark 9:30-37

Why do you think the disciples were afraid to ask Jesus a question regarding what He told them in verse 31?

Why did the disciples keep quiet when Jesus asked what they were arguing about?

What is the connection between being the servant of all and being the greatest? What character quality must you possess to serve others?

Why do you think Jesus used the welcoming of little children as the example of welcoming Him and His Father?

**Read** Acts 5:33-42

What did Gamaliel prevent from happening by interceding? What do you think motivated him to intervene?

How do you explain why God sometimes delivers us from hardships but, at other times, allows us to go through them?

Why did the apostles rejoice after just being flogged?

What can we learn from this account?

**MEMORIZE ONE:** "I have hidden Your Word in my heart that I might not sin against You." Proverbs 16:18, Proverbs 16:19; Proverbs 29:23, 1 Timothy 2:1-2, James 5:16

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

Mark 9:30-37 30 They left that place and passed through Galilee. Jesus did not want anyone to know where they were, 31 because he was teaching his disciples. He said to them, "The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men. They will kill him, and after three days he will rise." 32 But they did not understand what he meant and were afraid to ask him about it.33 They came to Capernaum. When he was in the house, he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the road?" 34 But they kept quiet because on the way they had argued about who was the greatest.35 Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, "Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all." 36 He took a little child whom he placed among them. Taking the child in his arms, he said to them, 37 "Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me."

Acts 5:33-42 33 When they heard this, they were furious and wanted to put them to death. 34 But a Pharisee named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law, who was honored by all the people, stood up in the Sanhedrin and ordered that the men be put outside for a little while. 35 Then he addressed the Sanhedrin: "Men of Israel, consider carefully what you intend to do to these men. 36 Some time ago Theudas appeared, claiming to be somebody, and about four hundred men rallied to him. He was killed, all his followers were dispersed, and it all came to nothing. 37 After him, Judas the Galilean appeared in the days of the census and led a band of people in revolt. He too was killed, and all his followers were scattered. 38 Therefore, in the present case I advise you: Leave these men alone! Let them go! For if their purpose or activity is of human origin, it will fail. 39 But if it is from God, you will not be able to stop these men; you will only find yourselves fighting against God." 40 His speech persuaded them. They called the apostles in and had them flogged. Then they ordered them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. 41 The apostles left the Sanhedrin, rejoicing because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name. 42 Day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house, they never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Messiah.

**Proverbs 16:18** Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall.

**Proverbs 16:19** Better to be lowly in spirit along with the oppressed than to share plunder with the proud.

**Proverbs 29:23** Pride brings a person low, but the lowly in spirit gain honor.

**1 Timothy 2:1-2** I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people— 2 for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.

**James 5:16** Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.