



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS – LUKE 9:37-45

1. Was there anything about the message/passage today that you'd like to discuss further?
2. Share a time when you had a big problem and it felt like God didn't care. What kinds of doubt did you struggle with? What factors contributed to that struggle? What does the Bible teach concerning God's apparent silence in the midst of our suffering?
3. The father in today's passage was concerned for his son. He had begged the disciples to heal him but they were unable. Have you ever tried to help alleviate someone's pain and been unable to help? Discuss it. What should we remember in times like that?
4. This passage is ultimately about the power of God in response to our faith. Do you believe God can do today what we see in the NT? (miracles, exorcisms, etc) If there are differences, what are they and why would they exist?
5. Jesus refers to the people as "an unbelieving and perverse generation." What did he mean by that? What attitude do you think Jesus had as he said it? Why? What would he say about our faith family if we brought a similar kind of request to him? Why?
6. Where are you tempted to say what the boy's father said in Mark 9:22 (If you can do anything....?) How do we increase our faith so that the power of God can grow in our life and in our ministry to other people who need our help?
7. What's the difference between faith as defined by Jesus and faith as it's often defined in our culture. (discuss how different cultures/groups define "faith" differently)
8. If faith is simply believing God enough to act on what he says, what area of your life needs to grow in faith? Where do you need to pray what the boy's father prayed in Mark 9:24?
9. What practical changes will you make to your life this week so that you can continue growing in your relationship with the Lord?