

LIFE GROUPS

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Share in your own words what it means to be a desperate person.
2. Read Mark 6:7-13. What do you think went through the disciples' minds when they were able to drive out demons and heal the sick?
3. Read Mark 9:14-19. Describe the contrast of Jesus' transfiguration (Mark 9: 2-8) and dealing with a demon-possessed boy? What was the essence of the argument between the scribes and the disciples?
4. What was Jesus seemingly frustrated about? Does it surprise you that the Son of God would be frustrated at a lack of faith? Explain.
5. Read Mark 9:20-24. Why would the evil spirit see Jesus and throw the boy into a convulsion? How desperate was this father?
6. Have you ever been as desperate as this father? Do you think this father cared at all what people thought of him coming before Jesus and the crowd?
7. How does desperation sometimes take us to a point where we don't care what other people think of us? How does not caring what others think of us help us in building God's kingdom?
8. In what ways can you relate to this father's belief and unbelief? How is this father's prayer a powerful prayer?
9. Read Mark 9:25-29. What does this encounter reveal about Jesus? Describe what those watching must have thought after Jesus healed this boy.
10. Why could the disciples cast out other demons but not this one? How does Jesus' statement in verse 29 apply to our lives today?
11. Read Luke 10:17-20. What did Jesus teach his disciples with his statement in these verses? Why does an eternal perspective matter even when it comes to miraculous works of God? How do people sometimes pursue miracles more than Jesus?
12. What keeps you from asking God for the impossible? What do you need to pray for belief for in your life?



Desperation

Mark 9:14-29

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