

# THIS WEEK

GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH, KAILUA KONA, HAWAII

## events

The **2020 giving statements** are ready, they will be available for pick up before and after church services on **Sunday Jan. 17th and 24th** after which they will be mailed. Mahalo for your faithfulness in giving.

Members are encouraged to stay after the service on **January 31** for our **Annual Business Meeting**. Topics include new members, last year's budget, and this year's good news.

Ladies, you are welcome to join our **next Bible Study** on Wednesday the 20th in the morning or on Thursday evenings on the 21st. The study is on *The Armor of God* by Pricilla Shirer.

**Ways to Give: Online** giving is a convenient way to give. You may set up one-time or recurring contributions on our website. If you prefer to give **in person**, look for our giving box located on the front table in the pavilion on Sunday morning. You can also **mail a check** to the address below.



## SERMON NOTES

Andrew Severinsen - Mark 9:14-10:16

**Big Idea:** In our text today, Jesus continues to clarify what the Messiah must do and what it will look like, as many had the wrong idea. This leads into teaching by Jesus on the essence of faith and what genuine faith looks like — how those who follow Him live.

- 9:14-29 - "I believe; help my unbelief!"
- 9:30-32 - Jesus again foretells His death and resurrection
- 9:33-37 - "Who is the greatest?"
- 9:38-50 - Be salty
- 10:1-12 - "But from the beginning of creation"
- 10:13-16 - "Like a child"

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## GRACE GROUP Discussion Questions

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**Starter:** What are some fun similes that you can think of? [Simile = a figure of speech involving the comparison of the one thing with another thing of a different kind. Something is like something else.]

### **Mark 9:14-10:16 — What does it say?**

1. Read Mark 9:14-10:16. Make observations as you go. What questions do you have? How might Mark be connecting these stories thematically in the flow of his narrative?
2. In 9:31, Jesus foretells His death. What are the details He gives? Why is He sharing this now?
3. 9:30-37 — Why does Jesus still not want anyone to know (v. 30)? Why might the disciples be afraid to ask Him about His teachings (v. 32)? How does Jesus respond to the disciples' argument about who is the greatest? What does He mean by His statement in v. 35?
4. 9:30-37 — Why does Jesus use a child as an example in vv. 36-37? How are children received differently between then and now?
5. Since chapter 8, how has Mark defined what genuine faith is thus far in his narrative?
6. How should we understand the connection between Jesus' teachings on greatness, the casting out of demons, marriage and divorce, and His interaction with children?
7. 10:13-16 — In v. 14, Jesus was "indignant" to the disciples. Why does Jesus react so strongly?
8. 10:13-16 — What does Jesus mean by His statement in v. 15? In what sense are we to be "like a child"?

### **Mark 9:14-10:16 — How does it apply to our lives today?**

1. 9:14-29 — How much does our faith have to do with our ability to receive healing? How do we reconcile God's sovereignty with our human responsibility?
2. Do you know anyone who has been suffering from an illness for years? How might you pray for them? How might you encourage them?
3. How do we actually cultivate more faith? What does that look like? What are some of the things or people God has used in your life to grow your faith?
4. 9:30-37 — How do you define humility? How do most people define humility? Can you grow in humility? How? How would you know?
5. How does Jesus model and demonstrate this idea of humility and servanthood to us through His own life?
6. 10:13-16 — What is an area in your life that you could continue to demonstrate more of "childlike" trust and dependence on God?
7. How do we balance childlike faith with our responsibility to continue pursuing a deep, intellectual knowledge of God? What can we do to help each other maintain that balance?

**Spend some time sharing and praying together.**