

Life Group Questions for 9-27-20

Getting Started

Take a moment and read this week's passage: Mark 9:14-32.

Digging Deeper

- 1) Mark 9:17-18 describes a boy with an evil spirit.
 - What physical symptoms does the boy manifest?
 - Do you believe that evil spirits still cause health problems?
 - How might a person know if a specific health problem has a spiritual connection?

- 2) In Mark 9:19, Jesus makes a declaration to an "unbelieving generation".
 - Who was Jesus talking to? His disciples? The teachers of the law? The father? Someone else? Everyone?
 - Why do you think Jesus made that statement? Was He addressing something specific?
 - What two questions does Jesus ask in verse 19?

- 3) In Mark 9:22, the father makes a request. What stands out to you about his request? What stood out to Jesus regarding his request?

- 4) Jesus responds to the father in Mark 9:23.
 - What does Jesus say?
 - Is Jesus scolding the father, encouraging the father, challenging the father? What is the purpose of Jesus' comment?
 - What can we learn from these words of Christ?

- 5) In Mark 9:24, the father responds with both a declaration and a request for help.
 - What is the declaration?
 - What request does the father make?
 - Why do you think the father requested Jesus' help in this specific way?

Read James 1:5-8. What does this verse say about the person who doubts? Did the father "believe and not doubt"? How does this verse fit in with the story of the Father's declaration of "I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief"?

- 6) In Mark 9: 28-29, the disciples ask a question and Jesus responds.
 - What is the question?
 - What is Jesus' response?
 - What can we learn from this answer?

Putting it into Practice

- In what way do you need God's help overcome your unbelief?
- This passage ends by Jesus calling attention to the importance of prayer. For whom, or for what, do you need to pray?

Prayer and Sharing

- 1) Break into groups of 2 or 3 and take time to share how life is going, share prayer requests, and to take time to pray for each other.
- 2) Also, take a moment in your group to pray for our church, pray that God would change lives as we gather together in His name.