

THE GOSPEL OF
mark
Redefining Possible
Mark 9:14-29

From High to Low (Mark 9:14-16)

It's in the _____, not the _____, that we put our faith into practice.

Disciples & a Desperate Dad (Mark 9:17-18)

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Our faith can be a _____ to what God will do in our life.

Defining Faith (Mark 9:19-24)

"I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!"
Mark 9:24

Three Kinds of Faith:

1. A _____ faith
2. A _____ faith
3. A _____ faith

Redefining Possible (Mark 9:25-27)

"Everything is possible for one who believes."
Mark 9:23

Praying in Faith:

1. The _____ of your faith really matters.
2. Instead of 'if you _____,' pray 'if you _____.'
3. The real goal of faith is not getting what we _____ but getting _____ to God.

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Gospel of Mark: Redefining Possible

Questions based on May 12, 2024 sermon

Getting to Know Me

1. If you could have 3 wishes, what would they be?

Digging Deeper

2. What new insight or information did you learn from Sunday's teaching in Mark 9?
3. Share a time you had a spiritual mountain top high. How did this spiritual high carry you through a valley?
4. Read Mark 9:14-29. What most stands out to you in the story?
5. In Mark 9:24, the father exclaims, "*I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!*" Have you ever felt the words this father said to Jesus? When? How did your faith grow through that experience?
6. Read Acts 16:31. What does it look like to *believe* in Jesus? What do you see as the definition of "saving faith"?
7. Read Hebrews 11:1 & 6 and John 6:28-29.
 - What do these verses say about the importance of the *object* of our faith?
 - What are some examples of placing our faith in baseless objects (things, people, hopes...)?
 - How do you think we can exhibit faith in what we cannot see?

8. Read Mark 9:31. What significance do you find in the fact that the Father did not keep His Son Jesus from dying on the cross? What prayer requests have you taken to God, and he answered "No"? How did this affect your faith?

9. Read Ephesians 2:8-10. In your faith journey, what is God's responsibility, and what is your responsibility?

Making It Personal:

10. Phil spoke of Living Faith, Lacking Faith, and Longing Faith. What type of faith do you have today? Is there another type of faith that is not listed here? (Lazy Faith perhaps?)
11. How do we open ourselves to have a Living Faith that grows our relationship with God? What practical steps can we take to grow closer to God this week?
12. Where are you facing doubts in your faith? Is it in God's power? His love for you? His presence in your life? Or??? How can your Growth Group "help your unbelief?"

Prayer

Take some time to share openly on areas you would like to see God work in your life or in those you love, ways you'd like to see God grow your faith.

Then, spend some time in 'popcorn prayer' as you each offer short prayers for these and other requests, popping around the group. Short, simple prayers are great; they don't have to be long, ornate prayers.

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