

MARK 9:14-29

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1. Admit _____ (14-19)

2. Come _____ (20-27)

3. Depend _____ (28-29)

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¹⁴ And when they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and scribes arguing with them. ¹⁵ And immediately all the crowd, when they saw him, were greatly amazed and ran up to him and greeted him. ¹⁶ And he asked them, “What are you arguing about with them?” ¹⁷ And someone from the crowd answered him, “Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a spirit that makes him mute. ¹⁸ And whenever it seizes him, it throws him down, and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid. So I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able.” ¹⁹ And he answered them, “O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me.” ²⁰ And they brought the boy to him. And when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. ²¹ And Jesus asked his father, “How long has this been happening to him?” And he said, “From childhood. ²² And it has often cast him into fire and into water, to destroy him. But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us.” ²³ And Jesus said to him, “If you can? All things are possible for one who believes.” ²⁴ Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, “I believe; help my unbelief!” ²⁵ And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, “You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him and never enter him again.”

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

These questions are for further study and application of today's text of Scripture. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. One of the best ways to grow as a disciple is by discussing these types of questions in a small group. Find a small group here: gracebiblecw.com/lifegroup or ask someone next to you if you can join their group!

²⁶ And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, "He is dead."²⁷ But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose.²⁸ And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?"²⁹ And he said to them, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer."

- 1) Would you say that your spiritual life this past week can be best described as a "mountain-top experience", "a valley", or simply "mundane/normal"? Why?
- 2) Read Mark 9:14-19. Why were the disciples arguing with the scribes/crowd?
- 3) Read John 15:5. Why is it so difficult for us to say, "Apart from Jesus, I can do nothing"? Does admitting weakness feel like a failure to you, or does it feel like an invitation to grace?
- 4) Read Mark 9:24-27. Why doesn't Jesus condemn the man's "unbelief" as a bad thing? How should we respond to others who express "unbelief"? Should mature Christians also express their struggles?
- 5) Read Mark 9:20-24. What doubt or a struggle have you been afraid to bring to Jesus (and to share before others) honestly?
- 6) Read Mark 9:28-29. What regular times of prayer can you observe this week to practice dependence on God (in the car, shower, during workouts, etc.)?
- 7) Remember the P.L.S. (Pray. Live. Speak.) acronym for making disciples. How are you doing at the prayer part each day? Spend time praying for your lost friends, then follow-up in small group on how you have prayed for, lived out the gospel, and spoken of Jesus to others.