

The gospel of Mark

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Mark 9:38-50

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION & DISCUSSION

Read **Mark 9**

- Has there been any **Before and After** events in your life?
- Summarize the main events in this passage. i.e. what happens?
- Do you think there is any significance in the order of events in this chapter?
- The two longest sections in this chapter are
 - (1) the transfiguration
 - (2) the healing of a boy with an impure spirit
- What strikes you about these two events?

Read **Mark 9:38-50**

- Why did John respond to the person driving out demons the way he did?
What was he trying to do?
- How did Jesus respond to him?
Why do you think he responded that way?
- Does Jesus place a priority on the type or size of deeds done in his name?
- What do you see as some of the ways that God's Kingdom **upside down** or **rightside up**?
- Being a disciple is not about being part of an exclusive club, but about inviting others to join in the journey?
- When Jesus says: "*Whoever is not against us is for us*" (**v40**) what do you think he means?
what are the implications of this for ministry, working with other groups?
- Why does Jesus make such a strong statement about causing "*little ones*" to stumble (**v42f**)?
- Dietrich Bonhoeffer in ***The Cost of Discipleship*** says: "*When Christ calls a man, he bids him come and die.*"
How do you understand this quote?
- A. J. Jacobs, which living biblically, said that his relationship to the Jewish faith was "about the same as that of Olive Garden to an Italian restaurant."
Do you think some / many Christians live the same way?
What is the evidence of this

REFLECTING ON & LIVING IT OUT THIS WEEK

Looking over this chapter of Mark:

- What does this passage teach us about God?
- What does this passage teach us about people?
- What does this passage say about the Kingdom of God?