

The Gospel of Mark Message Series

Discussion Guide based on the morning message on March 21, 2010

The Hub of Life's Wheel – Mark 9:14-32

Big Idea: Unbelief renders us powerless but faith fueled by prayer empowers.

Leading the Session Helps/Discussion Questions

- Make announcements and have a prayer time. (before Choir Members arrive)

ICE BREAKERS

- Larry began his sermon by reliving a story of getting a jeep stuck and that he was not equipped for driving it through the mud. What life event have you had where you felt you were not equipped for the outcome?
- What does the enemy want us to believe when we fail because we are not equipped? What would God have us believe?
- Finish this statement as you think about your past life experiences with Jesus:
 - Because He lives ...

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- In verse 29 Jesus told the Disciples why they could not drive out the demon. What was the reason? How does that verse apply to our daily lives? What is the life lesson for us?
- Why do we constantly need to be reminded of the fact that we need to take our problems to Jesus?
- Who of you in this room would like to have more faith? How can you have it based on this Scripture passage? How is your prayer life?
- Try this exercise:
 - Take a piece of paper and write down the answer to the questions I ask:
 - When do you get up in the morning? Is that routine or does it vary?
 - When do you eat lunch? Is that routine or does it vary?
 - When is your favorite TV show? Is that routine or does it vary?
 - When do you usually get to do your favorite hobby? Is that routine or does it vary?
 - (Use this question only if you have Facebook junkies.) When do you view Facebook? Is that routine or does it vary?
 - When do you pray? Is that routine or does that vary?
 - How does your intentional prayer time relate to other important tasks?
- Larry stated that we have no spiritual bank account. What did he mean by that?
- What part of your life is your spiritual life? What is the purpose of a “quiet time”?

Application

- Try to “practice” being aware of the presence of God all aspects of your life this next week. In what areas do you think that will be most difficult? (Whatever your answer to that question is needs to be the first focus.)