

GROUP

DISCUSSION GUIDE

August 27th, 2023

WARM UP

Pastor Larry in his message stated that while Jesus is disappointed in disciples in Matt. 17 and Mk. 9, he is training and preparing the disciples to have confidence in access to God's power. This passage is an invitation for us to experience the wonder and power of God in prayer. How have you prioritized prayer in your life?

ASK

- Read Matt. 17:14-21. Jesus said "nothing is impossible" if you have faith (vv. 20-21). Note the qualifier: if you have faith enough. What does praying in faith mean?
- ➤ Read Mk. 9:14-29, Matt. 17:14-21 and Luke 9:37-45. You can find three reasons for their failure; can you identify them? What can you take away from this message and share with others in your life?
- Pastor Larry states that the demons were not just at work to attack the young boy, but they were also working to distract the disciples as well. They trapped them in endless insincere arguments. How have you seen the enemy working to do the same thing in today's world?
- Pastor Larry shared that "before we can even begin to experience the power of God in prayer, we first have to be honest about why we don't prioritize prayer to begin with". Why do you think that it is such a struggle for so many of us to prioritize prayer?
- ➤ Read Mk. 9:14-29. What is the attack strategy of the demon upon the boy? Why does the father ask if Jesus could have compassion on "us"—not only on the boy, but on the father as well?

> PRAY