



Life Group Discussion Guide

March 2 – Mark 9 --- Wrestling with Faith

Life Group Leaders,

During our *100 Days with Jesus*, you will have two approach options to guide your group in studying Sunday's text. We encourage you to try both methods over the next few months.

1. **Discussion Questions** – Each week, you'll receive a set of questions related to the text. If you choose this option, feel free to select the questions that best fit your group's needs and dynamics.
2. **SEEDS Discovery Bible Study** – This method introduces a Bible study format designed to empower participants to engage deeply with Scripture. The goal is to equip your group members with a practical tool for exploring the Bible with others, aligning with our mission to *Advance the Kingdom* with Jesus.

Both options are designed to enrich your group's experience. Experiment with each to discover what works best for your group. Thank you for leading and serving so well!

Discussion Questions:

Mark 9:2-13 --- The Transfiguration

1. When were you last speechless?
2. What was significant about the people who appeared to Jesus?
3. How do you think this account would encourage an audience of Christians being harassed and threatened? What encouragement does this passage give you?

Mark 9:14-29 --- Jesus Heals a Boy with an Unclean Spirit

4. When was the last time you felt inadequate to do a job you had to do?
5. How were prayer and faith related in this situation?

Mark 9:30-31 --- Jesus Again Foretells Death, Resurrection

6. What news did Jesus repeat privately to the disciples? What frightened them?

Mark 9:32-37 --- Who is the Greatest?

7. What does the disciples' argument tell you about their understanding of who Jesus was and why He had come?
8. Why do you think Jesus used a child to illustrate His point?
9. How do we strive to be the "greatest"?

Mark 9:38-41 --- Anyone Not Against Us Is For Us

10. How can we become more unified as a body of believers?

Mark 9: 42-50 --- Temptations to Sin

11. What does this passage teach about the kingdom of God?
12. What should be our attitude toward sin?

Reflection and Application

13. What can you do over the next week to become more sensitive to God's voice (whether from His Word or His Spirit)?
14. What do you need to do to add some "salt" to your witness?

SEEDS Bible Study:

The Discovery Method works most effectively in small groups of three to four people. For larger gatherings, consider breaking into smaller groups to encourage deeper discussion. Here's a simple format to follow:

- **Form Small Groups:** Divide the larger group into smaller groups of three to four people.
- **Pose Questions:** Present one question at a time for the smaller groups to discuss. Allow a few minutes for meaningful conversation.
- **Share Insights:** Invite groups to share their thoughts with the larger group, if they feel led. This step fosters collective learning and reflection.
- **Repeat for Additional Questions:** Continue the process with the next question, following the same structure.
- **Close in Prayer:** Conclude the session with prayer, either within the smaller groups or together as a large group.

This approach encourages participation, reflection, and shared learning while keeping the conversation focused and engaging.

Discussion Questions:

Share

- What are you grateful for?
- What is stressing you out?

Explore

- What stood out to you from the sermon?
- Read the text twice (Select a portion of this week's text to focus on for your group's discussion.)
- Retell the passage in your own words.

Examine

- What questions, observations, and thoughts do you have about this passage?
- What does this text say about God, Jesus, and humanity?

Do It – Either alone or with others in the group.

- If the text is true, what are you sensing God saying to you?
- Write an "I will" statement.
- What does that look like for you?

Seek God's Kingdom

- **Tell:** Is there someone in your life you can share this text/truth with?
- **Give:** Is there someone in your life that you can serve this week?
- **Pray:** Close in prayer: God, thank You for planting SEEDS in us so we can share those SEEDS with others as we Advance the Kingdom!