

SERMON NOTES



This week's sermon
Whatever You Ask
Mark 9:14-29

What is faith?

It is believing two things about God:

One, that He is powerful and good and

Two, that He has compassion on people who call on Him.

That's all faith is.

Notes:

Digging Deeper Into the Message

There are many biblical accounts of God responding to prayer. Read the following passages and write the request/motivation of the one(s) praying and then how God responded.

Daniel 2:1-30

Exodus 33:12-23

1 Samuel 1: 1-20

2 Kings 6:8-23

Mark 5:21-43

Luke 23: 32-43

Acts 12:1-19

Psalms 51 and 2 Samuel 12: 13

Write down some of the ways that the people we just read about faced hardships, consequences and loss even as their prayers were answered. (You may need to go back and read further on some of them.)

How do you think they kept going during hardship? (See Psalm 9:9-10 for one reason.)

Community Group

Icebreaker: What creative ways have you found to “make do” with things in short supply?

Discussion Questions:

Share a time that you prayed about something and how God answered you (even if it wasn't the way you hoped He would answer it). What characteristic of God did you see at work or understand better because of this?

Someone recap or read the Mark text from the sermon (Mark 9:14-29). In what area of your life could you pray the same prayer as the father did in verse 24?

Read the MAP point. Given that God is powerful, good and compassionate on those who call on Him, how do you demonstrate that you trust Him?

Share how things are going for you and those you are reaching out to.

What else would you like to discuss from the sermon or Digging Deeper?

Application: Write out a Bible verse that reminds you that God is trustworthy. Put this out as a reminder where you will see it several times a day. (Here are a few you may find encouraging: Isaiah 12:2, 25:1; Psalm 56:3, 91:1-2, 100:5; 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24 and 1 John 5:14.)