

Getting into Our LivesGroup time - 15 minutes

1. Have you ever worried that your prayers were not answered because of a lack of faith? How has this discussion helped or challenged your thinking?
2. What are the things you tend to place more of your faith in than Jesus? What would it look like to shift your trust to Him?
3. Pastor Ty said, *"The main message is not our immediate crisis, but the cross."* How does that impact the way you approach your tough situations?

Getting Out the GospelGroup time - 10 minutes

Keep practicing sharing your "Stories of Life Change" (Testimonies) and keep studying the simple gospel outline you put together from three weeks ago. This week, focus on practicing helping others know how to respond to the gospel by taking them through A,B,C,D.

- A – Admit you're a sinner (that you have gone against God's way).
- B – Believe that Christ died for you (to offer forgiveness and reconciliation with God).
- C – Count the Cost. (Jesus, lead me as my King).
- D – Do it! (Lead them in a prayer that states each of the previous things).

Getting into PrayerGroup time - 10 minutes

Reach: *Pray for specifically for someone that you think might be ready to accept Christ, that they would take the final step.*

Grow: *Pray that we would have faith in God to accomplish His will on earth.*

Empower: *Pray for an opportunity to share what you have learned this week with someone else.*

Does Your Faith Make Any Difference? ***Matthew 17:14-27***

1. **Dad Is Desperate** *Matthew 17:14-16*
2. **The Disciples Are Disabled** *Matthew 17:17-18*
3. **The Devil Is Intent on Your Destruction** *Mark 9:25-27*
4. **The Divine Direction: Jesus Takes Charge** *Matthew 17:17-20*
5. **Jesus' Destiny: The Cross** *Matthew 17:22-23*

Accept the Challenge:

I never knew:

I need to change:

I should share:

GROWTH GROUP QUESTIONS

Week of March 3, 2019

Getting StartedGroup time - 15 minutes

1. Have you ever been in an emergency situation where you were able to help? What happened and how did you respond? What did it make you feel?

2. Have you ever been in an emergency situation where you **weren't** able to help? What happened and how did you respond? What did it make you feel?

FOR GROWTH GROUP TIME

Getting into God's WordGroup time - 40 minutes

Read Matthew 17:14-16

1. Let's think about context. What event occurred immediately before this? How does it help you understand this scenario?

2. What is happening to this man's son?

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What if you were this parent? How would you feel if you had been dealing with this your son's whole life? How would the failure of the disciples affect you?

Read Matthew 17:17-20

3. Who is Jesus upset with? Why?

4. If Jesus had previously given the disciples authority over demons, why do you think they failed? What were they missing? **See also: Matthew 10:1,7-8**

5. What does Jesus mean about "faith of a mustard seed"? How important is the "size" of our faith?
See also: Matthew 13:31-32

6. Does "moving mountains" and "nothing will be impossible" mean that we can accomplish anything we can think of? Why or why not?
See also: Matthew 6:9-13; Philippians 4:11-13

Read Matthew 17:22-23

7. Compare this account to Jesus' previous explanation of what was coming. How does the disciples' response change? **See also: Matthew 16:21-23**

Read Matthew 17:24-27

8. What's the point of Jesus' question? Why does Jesus pay the tax?