

Read Mark 9:14-29

Monday, 10/5/09

Look: What is the most repeated word in these verses? What does that tell you about the main point of the story? _____

Look: Make four observations about Jesus from these verses: _____

Apply: What "unbelief" do you need to confess to Jesus (just as the boy's father did in Mark 9:24)? _____

Read Mark 9:38-42

Thursday, 10/8/09

Look: How does the work of Jesus change the way we see and relate to other people? _____

Look: What's wrong with John's view in 9:38 that we should stop others because they are "not one of us"? _____

Apply: What can you do practically today to show someone else that you are not in competition with them, but desire their best? _____

Read Jeremiah 5:21-31

Tuesday, 10/6/09

Look: In what ways is Jeremiah's description of Judah similar to Mark's description of the disciples in chapter 9? _____

Look: What open-ended questions does Jeremiah list in these verses? _____

Apply: How does the gospel of Jesus Christ help us as Christians to answer Jeremiah's questions? _____

Read Mark 9:43-50

Friday, 10/9/09

Look: Why does Jesus believe that it is worth the sacrifice to make drastic changes in my lifestyle today? _____

Look: What do you think Jesus is talking about in verse 50 when he talks about "salt not losing its saltiness"? _____

Apply: If you really lived with an eternal perspective on life, what would you start doing differently today? _____

Read Mark 9:30-37

Wednesday, 10/7/09

Look: Where else in Mark 8-10 does Jesus predict his death? How do the disciples respond each time? _____

Look: Why does our treatment of children reveal the level of our understanding of the gospel? _____

Apply: What does it look like in your life to apply the kingdom principle in Mark 9:35? _____

Read Luke 9:21-27

Saturday, 10/10/09

Look: What are some of the implications to the fact that we follow a suffering Savior? _____

Look: Make three observations about the values of the Kingdom of God from reading these verses: _____

Apply: What does it mean for you to take up your cross "daily"? _____

RealLife-Group Discussion Guide

Getting Started:

- (1) What characteristics or traits make someone great in the eyes of our society today? Give some specific examples.
- (2) What characteristics or traits make someone great in the eyes of your extended family? How do you know?

Getting Deep:

- (1) How do you see the values of the kingdom of man at work in your family and in your career?
- (2) Why do our attempts to improve the kingdom of man always end up with the same results?
- (3) Who is someone you know that truly lives out the values of the kingdom of God? How do they do it?
- (4) How would our church look different if it fully lived out the values of the Kingdom of God?

Getting Real:

- (1) What causes the most conflict and "arguing" in your personal life? How can the gospel help eliminate that conflict?
- (2) How can you practice servant leadership in your life, caring for those that everyone else has rejected as unimportant?
- (3) If you lived every day with the eternal in mind (not just the temporal), what would change the most drastically?
- (4) What do you believe God is saying to through this message and passage that He wants you to apply?



A Collision of Kingdoms

Mark 9:14-50

The Kingdom of Man

- (1) _____
- (2) _____
- (3) _____
- (4) _____
- (5) _____

The Kingdom of God

- (1) _____
- (2) _____
- (3) _____
- (4) _____
- (5) _____

Between Two Kingdoms