

Sunday, February 28, 2021 - "Remarkable - Week 7: Help My Unbelief" - Doug Kempton

Key Passages: Mark 9:21-27, Mark 5:36

- Feel free to read the passage(s) out loud as a group
- Allow the group to share freely about what stood out to them from the passage or from Sunday's message

Main Ideas

- Mark 9:21-27 - Fascinating exchange between Jesus and the boy's father
  - He had just experienced failure (disciples couldn't cast out the demon)
  - He expresses his doubt when he says "If you can.."
  - Jesus tells him "if you can.."
  - **Our belief unleashes the power of God in our lives**
  - Mark 5:36 - do not fear, only believe
- "I believe, help my unbelief"
- We all have issues with unbelief
  - All sin is rooted in unbelief
  - It's harmful and dangerous but it's also normal
  - Adam and Eve: What if they had said "We believe but we're struggling"
  - Let your doubt push you back to the father
- Our unbelief is never about God IT'S ABOUT US
- Every victory over sin is faith
  - Jesus in the desert (believed God's timing and provision)
  - It's impossible to please God without faith
- How do we grow in our BELIEF?
  - 1) Admission
    - Admit we all have some level of unbelief
    - Pay attention to your life → you will see the side effects of unbelief
  - 2) Position (not once and done but remaining)
    - In a place where you can have more of Jesus
    - v28-29 - BEING with Jesus (prayer is an ongoing connection with God)
    - Grace 6 Essentials - DEVOTION = fully devoted to God (prayer in v28-29 is the heart of devotion)
    - There is no growth without prayer
    - Intentional act of being with God and abiding in Him
    - Some obstacles in life will only be overcome by ongoing time being with Jesus
  - 3) Execution
    - The father in the interaction with Jesus had to act on the belief he had to receive the belief he needed
    - What's your next bold step of faith? Where do you need to put your belief in action?
- Pray it regularly - "I believe, help my unbelief"

Questions (Feel free to use all of these, some of these, or none of these)

1. When was a time when you felt desperate for Jesus to show up? How did you respond? How did God respond?
2. Where are you desperate for God to move right now?
3. What does the idea "our belief unleashes the power of God in your lives" make you think/feel?
4. How are you doing at admitting your unbelief to God?
5. What does it look like for you to have an ongoing connection with God? What marks when it's going well?
6. Where do you need to put your belief in action? What's your next step of faith?
7. What is God inviting you into as a result of this passage or sermon?

**\*\*15 Minutes with God Reading Plan-**

Mon: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 Tues: Psalm 22:23-31 Wed: Romans 4:13-25 Thurs: Mark 8:31-38 Fri: Mark 9:2-9

Songs from the weekend: [Open the Eyes of My Heart - Paul Baloche] - [Goodness of God - Bethel Music] - [Cornerstone - Hillsong Worship] - [What A Beautiful Name - Hillsong Worship] - [Agnus Dei - Michael W. Smith]