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Mark 9:14-29

The Good News: A Sermon Series through the Gospel of Mark
The Good News of a Perfect Faith
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The Good News is . . .

“We do not on our own have
a redemptive ministry.”
- Jeremy Sanderson

How are we called to
participate in the redemptive
ministry of Jesus Christ?

Answer: _____

*I am the vine, you are the
branches; he who abides in Me
and I in him, he bears much fruit,
for apart from Me you can do
nothing.*

John 15:5

READ Mark 9:14-29

As you read, make note of questions that come to mind.

DISCUSS the Scripture

Jesus, Peter, James and John are coming from their mountaintop experience into this situation.

What do you think the 3 disciples were feeling?

Do you think they were approaching the crowd with a different attitude than they had previously? Why or why not? (Look back at headings for previous sections of scripture to be reminded of other recent encounters with crowds.)

The other disciples had been left with the crowd while Jesus and the three disciples were up on the mountain.

What were the disciples experiencing with the crowd?

Why do you think the disciples were arguing with the teachers of the law?

What do you suppose the disciples tried doing for the father and his son who was possessed by an evil spirit?

Re-read Verse 19. How would you describe what Jesus was feeling? Why do you think he was feeling this way? Consider what Jesus taught the disciples and the people in the first half of Mark that might have affected how he was feeling now.

How is this healing different from what we've been told about other healings in the Gospel of Mark? How is it similar?

What questions were raised up in you in the reading of this passage of scripture?

APPLY the Scripture to Your Life

When have you felt like this father – hoping that Jesus can help but uncertain or doubtful as well? What are the different ways you have acted because of these conflicting feelings?

What is Good News from this passage that Jeremy spoke to us in the sermon? Write a summary in the column to the left by finishing the statement: “The Good News is . . .”

What difference does this Good News make to you today?

Who do you know that could use this bit of Good News today? How might you share it with them?

Share other questions/thoughts that came up as you listened to this sermon.

PRAY!

Have you been reminded by this passage to be praying about something you have been trying to do on your own? If so, please share it with you group so you can pray together about it.

Continue to pray for our Mission Team in Gambella, Ethiopia.