The Child in our Midst Mark Lesson 16

**Lesson 16 – The Child in our Midst**

**Mark 9:30-50**

**Day 1 – Review**

1. What challenged or encouraged you from the lecture, and how did it help you   
in your Christian walk?

2. What in the notes helped you to understand God’s Word, and how did you   
apply it?

**Day 2 – Read Mar**k **9:30-32**

*Please pray before beginning your lesson. Possible verses to pray are Ephesians 1:18-19.*

*Lord, I pray that the eyes of my heart may be enlightened in order that I may know the hope   
to which I am being called; to know my inheritance as a child of yours and the great power available to me.*

3. Why did Jesus not want anyone to know where He and His disciples were?   
(see verse 31)

4. a. Read Mark 1:38. What does Jesus tell us He came to do?

b. According to the following verses, why is it important for us to get alone with Jesus and hear His words?

Matthew 4:4-

Romans 10:14 & 17-

5. Jesus’ priority was to teach the disciples, and in verse 31, He took the time to get alone with them and to tell them about the cross. What did He say to them?

6. This was not the first time Jesus had mentioned the cross. Please review Mark 8:29-33. The disciples believed He was Christ, the Messiah, but Peter rejected Jesus’ words about His suffering. How did Jesus respond to Peter in 8:33?

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***7. Thought Question:*** *Re-read* Mark 9:32. The disciples still didn’t understand Jesus’ words, but they were afraid to ask. They may have loved the salvation message but didn’t even want to discuss the cost of the cross. Is this message of the cost of the cross welcome today?

8. ***Personal Question:*** Do you find yourself happy to bask in Jesus as your Savior, but unwilling to listen to and obey Him as your Lord? Do you seek Jesus only for His blessings or are you willing to submit to and follow Him? What does Jesus tell us it will cost us to follow Him in Mark 8: 34-35?

***Apply this day:*** *Lord help me to be still and hear You speak. Thank you for paying for my sins at the cross. It cost you to obey God, and it will cost me to lay aside my desires and follow yours. But Your will and way is always the best. Please lead me in your ways everlasting.*

**Day 3 – Read Mark 9:33-37**

*Please pray before beginning your lesson.*

9. What had the disciples been arguing about according to 9:33-34?

10. When Jesus asked the disciples what they’d been discussing, they kept quiet. Did Jesus already know what they were arguing about? What do the following verses reveal that Jesus knows?

Mark 3:5-

John 1:48-

John16:30-

Matthew 12:25-

11.***Thought Question:*** Since Jesus already knew what the disciples had been arguing about, why did He ask them? What do you think He was trying to get them to acknowledge out loud to Him?

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12. Jesus immediately addresses their pride and shines His healing light upon it. He doesn’t ignore their sinful hearts or words. Instead, He takes the opportunity to teach them about their sin, repentance, humbleness, and servanthood. What does Jesus specifically teach them in verses 35-37?

13. ***Personal Question:*** Read 1 John 1:5-10. How do verses 8-9 tell us to deal with our sins before God? What will God then do for us?

***Apply this day:*** *Pray and thank the Lord that He loves you too much to leave you in your sin. Pray Ps.139:23-24 and ask God to search your heart and show you any offensive ways, so you can confess and repent from them and walk in His loving everlasting ways.*

**Day 4 – Read Mark 9:38-40**

*Please pray before beginning your lesson.*

14. What happens in verse 38?

15. In the King James Version, verse 38 reads: “we saw one casting out demons in thy name, and he followeth not us, and we forbade him, because he followeth not us.

***Thought question:*** What do you think the disciples were really concerned with here? Were they concerned that the man wasn’t following Christ or that he wasn’t following them? Were their eyes on Christ, or on the man, or on themselves?

**16. *Personal Question*:** Why do you think John—or anyone—would be upset with someone else driving out a demon and healing another person?

17. How does Jesus respond to John in verse 39-40?

18. Look back to what had previously happened in Mark 9:25-29. What did the disciples ask in verse 28, and what was Jesus’ answer in verse 29?

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19.Perhaps the disciples’ earlier inability to drive out the demon as contrasted with this man’s power to do so, pulled at their pride. Whether or not this was the case, comparing ourselves to other believers *always* takes our focus off of Christ! What do the following verses teach us about fixing our eyes on Christ:

Romans 14:10-13 –

Hebrews 12:1-2 -

***Apply This Day:***  *Ask the Lord to help you run the race that He has marked out for you. Pray that He will enable you to stay in your lane and maintain your focus on Jesus and the finish line.*

**Day 5 – Read Mark 9:40-50**

*Please pray before beginning your study.*

20. According to verse 41, what does Jesus say will happen if someone offers a cup of water to one of His disciples? How does this encourage you that God sees every act of kindness?

21. These verses reveal that the Lord wants believers to encourage people who are beginning in their faith. Verse 42 shows us how vitally important this is to Jesus. What dire warning does He give believers about causing someone little (or lowly) in their faith to fall into sin?

22***.*** What did you learn about how seriously God takes sinning according to verses 43-48?

***Personal Question:*** How seriously do you take your sin?

23. How does Jesus describe hell in verse 48?

24. Reread Mark 9: 49-50. Who will be salted with fire?

25. Physically, salt is a preservative, a purifier (killing bacteria in high doses), and a seasoning. What did you learn from the following verses about the various spiritual meanings of salt?

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Leviticus 2:13-

Numbers 18:19(b)-

2 Chronicles 13:5

Matthew 5:13-

Colossians 4:6-

26. What danger does Jesus warn us about in verse 50? What is one evidence of our saltiness according to this verse?

***APPLY THIS DAY****: Got Salt? Do you have God’s covering over you through His Son, Jesus Christ? Only Jesus can purify us and preserve us from God’s wrath against sin. Praise and thank God for Jesus Christ our Savior!*

**Day 6 – Reread Mark 9:35-37 (SOAP)**

*Please pray before beginning your lesson.*

**Scripture** – *Write the verses.*

**Observation** – *Record something you learned from these verses*. *Possible questions to ask for observation: What principle do I learn? What warning should I heed? What commandment should I obey? What aspect of God’s character do I see?*

**Application** – *How can I apply this to my life?*

**Prayer** – *Pray to God, praise Him, and ask Him for what you need in response to what you learned. Write down your prayer.*