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MARKED BY GOD'S VALUES

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Mark 9:2-10:16

Backdrop

Jesus is the Christ, so follow him...in the way of the cross!

Theme

The contrast between God's values and humans values.

Living marked by God's values...

- means listening to Jesus (not speaking at God) - 9:2-8

NEXT STEPS:

- This week I will daily spend 10 minutes in silence listening to/for Jesus.

- means believing everything is possible (not doubting all things are possible) - 9:14-29
- means operating in the power of prayer (not the power of technique) - 9:14-29

NEXT STEPS:

- This week I will daily pray as a first resort (rather than a last resort).

- means serving for greatness (not positioning for greatness) - 9:33-37
- means allowing for inclusion (not pointing out exclusion) - 9:38-41
- means sacrificing self for others (not elevating self above others) - 9:42
- means avoiding activities, places, visuals that lead to temptation (not assuming we're beyond temptation) - 9:43-50
- means marital faithfulness is non-negotiable (not treating divorce as normal) - 10:1-12
- means entering the Kingdom by humble, simple faith (not by status) - 10:13-16

NEXT STEPS:

- This week I will daily try softer.



Lesson Aim: To learn to live marked by the identity and way of Jesus.

Prayer: Open in prayer asking for the Holy Spirit to show you how to establish your values and activities God's way.

Icebreaker: If you could recapture one quality you had as a child, what would that be?

1. **Read Mark 9:2-9.** What spot or event for you is most like the Mount of Transfiguration-where you grasped a bit of Jesus' glory in a special way?
2. Why did Jesus take the three if He didn't want them to tell anyone what happened?
3. **Read Mark 9:14-29.** What lesson did Jesus teach the crowd, and us, using this father and his son?
4. In self-reflection, what is the level of confidence you have when you pray? How can we increase our effectiveness with prayer?

5. What is the difference between speaking "at God" and "with God"?
6. **Read Mark 9:35-37.** What would it mean for you to reflect these verses in your family? Your work?
7. What is Jesus' point in using the child as an object lesson on true greatness in the kingdom?
8. **Read Mark 9:42-48.** These verses are very important for self-reflection. What is the overall message that Jesus is putting forth? What must we do in obedience?
9. Pastor Jeff showed us Sunday that purity of faith like a child is required for entry into God's Kingdom. What does this mean?
10. What in your life might Jesus point out as something that is keeping you from having "child-like" faith?

Spend some time in prayer asking God to show any areas in your life that need to change from "our ways" to "His ways".

Weekly Memory Verse:

Acts 5:29. We must obey God rather than men.