

Unclean? Mark 9:14-29

Growth Group Questions

Read through Mark 9:14-29 and pray that God would be at work by his Spirit during your time together.

1. Look at verse 19, where we see Jesus' reaction to the situation, when it is explained to him. Who do you think his comment is aimed at? Why do you think he felt this way?
2. This event occurs at the end of Jesus' public teaching ministry. Look at Mark 1:21-28. Do you see a parallel in the way His public ministry starts? What significance would you attach to that ?
3. How did the Jews react to Jesus casting out impure spirits? How did it make them think about Him? (... 'as one with Authority' !)
4. Consider verses 22-24 and the father of the lad with the impure spirit. Why does Jesus address the father rather than 'the prayer team' ? Reflect on the respective roles of the father and Jesus in this scenario. Does that affect the way you think, particularly if there's a pastoral situation you are facing?
5. Look at verse 29. (Some manuscripts add 'and fasting'.) Do you take this verse to mean that 'we should go and do likewise'?