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PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

Connect Group Sermon Aligned Notes

Series Title: Spiritual Disciplines - Supernatural Ministry
Key Scripture: Mark 9:14-29
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Starter:

Have you ever witnessed or experienced something you would consider a miracle or supernatural occurrence? How did it affect your belief in God's power?

Discussion:

1. Pastor Mark said the saddest part of this passage is not the boy's condition, or the mockery of the scribes or the doubts of the father but the powerlessness of the disciples. Why is this the saddest part of the story?
2. The disciples could not perform the miracle on their own (v 18). Have you ever faced a situation where you felt powerless or inadequate? How did you react to that? What did you take away from that experience?
3. The Lord of supernatural ministry is a compassionate Jesus (v 19), who knows everything but also wants us to share about our situation (v 21). Why does He ask us to tell Him if He already knows?
4. Jesus says in v 23 that "everything is possible for one who believes" but says in v 29 that the thing could not be done except with prayer and fasting. What delivers the miracle: our faith or the prayer and fasting?
5. Jesus' response (v 23) and the great commission (Mark 16:15-18) tell us that we should not limit God, and that miraculous signs accompany those who believe. Do you believe you can pray effectively for miracles? Are there things you would consider undoable because they are too "miraculous"?
6. Pastor Mark says that we influence people's faith levels (v 22). How does your faith community support you during challenging times, and how do you

contribute to the faith journey of others? How do our actions build faith in others or cause their faith to go down?

7. Like the father in this passage, we sometimes doubt God's ability (v 22). Have you experienced a mixture of belief and unbelief (v 24)? How do you respond in those moments to overcome the doubts? How do those moments shape your faith?
8. Weak faith is better than no faith (v 24; Jude 22). How can we grow our faith from weak to strong faith?
9. How does the miracle in the passage demonstrate Jesus' power, authority and compassion and the role they play in the supernatural ministry? The disciples had authority but lacked the power. What is the difference? How do we get both authority and power?
10. The spiritual discipline of prayer and fasting is a requirement for spiritual growth. In what ways do prayer and fasting help our spiritual growth and supernatural ministry?

Reflection

Dear Lord, thank you for your authority and power that we can exercise for supernatural ministry. Help us to cultivate the spiritual discipline of prayer and fasting and operate in your power as a true measure of our discipleship.