



SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Week of June 26, 2022

Please use these questions to stay connected as a church to meditate on the same sermon preached from God's Word this week. May this be a fruitful time for the building up of our church and for the spread of the gospel.

Sermon Text: Luke 9:37-43

37 On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. 38 And behold, a man from the crowd cried out, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son, for he is my only child. 39 And behold, a spirit seizes him, and he suddenly cries out. It convulses him so that he foams at the mouth, and shatters him, and will hardly leave him. 40 And I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not." 41 Jesus answered, "O faithless and twisted generation, how long am I to be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here." 42 While he was coming, the demon threw him to the ground and convulsed him. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit and healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. 43 And all were astonished at the majesty of God.

If you were not able to listen to this week's sermon, then please refer to this link to listen prior to answering these questions, <http://hawaiiikaichurch.org/sermononline>

Summary

In this week's passage Jesus has just descended from the mount of transfiguration when He is once again confronted by crowds of desperate people, including a man whose son was demon possessed. In this interaction with a grief stricken dad, Luke shows us that Christ's majesty is not limited to mountain top experiences only, but His glory is manifest in the valleys as well. Luke helps his readers to once again see the supremacy of Christ over the demonic realm. In spite of man's faithlessness, Luke shows us Christ's tender hearted care as He delivers the man's son, and in doing so, we again see the people being astonished by the majesty of God.

Discussion Questions

1. Why do you think the disciples could not deliver the demon-possessed boy even though Jesus had delegated this authority to them? What happens when we try to minister to people in our own strength and through our own wisdom?
2. When you encounter trials, suffering, fear, and desperation, to whom do you turn? Practically speaking, how does a believer "turn to God" for deliverance? When a believer turns to God in the midst of trials, what outcome can he/she expect?

3. Spiritually speaking, how is every person similar to the demon possessed boy in our passage? How does Jesus deliver every person from their bondage?

4. We experience Jesus' majesty and presence during "mountain top" events such as church retreats, and other worshipful events. However, the gospel writers make it clear that the glory of God is also found in the midst of fear, pain, and trials. Explain how God's glory can shine forth even in our suffering. How does this help you as you walk through your own valleys?