

Reality Check Mark 9:14-29

The BIG Question ... Isn't just, "How do we as Jesus-followers navigate life in a messed-up world?" It's, "How do we as Jesus-followers _____ with _____ people living in this messed-up world?"

The BIG Idea ... Without _____, we can do _____.

Jesus Descends the Mountain

- The disciples are so taken with the glory of Jesus that they want to _____ on the mountain with Jesus.
- But they can't stay on the mountain because Jesus is on His way to _____.

Application ... God uses this time each Sunday to _____ and _____ us to give the hope of Jesus to our world—in our homes, workplaces, and _____ neighborhoods.

Jesus Engages the Enemy

- A father has brought his demon-possessed boy to the disciples—asking them to release him from the demon.
- When the disciples are unable to do so, the _____ enter into an argument with them.
- But this dad isn't interested in the argument; his only concern is his _____.

Application ... Hurting people aren't interested in what the church tends to argue about. Hurting people are looking for _____, not _____.

- Every parent feels the agony and pain in this dad's heart, because he knows that if Jesus doesn't do something, _____.
- That's why Jesus asks His disciples, "O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you?"
- They had attempted to cast out the demon in _____ (John 15:5; Ephesians 6:10, 12)
- When the disciples bring the boy to Jesus, his father says, "_____ you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us."
- Jesus says, "The issue here isn't my ability or my willingness; the issue is your _____." If you come to me in faith, all things _____" (Ephesians 3:20).
- Our faith finds its power, not in the strength of our _____, but in the strength of our _____.

Application ... There's nothing in your life that's _____ for Jesus.

Jesus Instructs the Disciples

- The disciples: "Why could we _____ cast the demon out?"
- Jesus: "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but _____."
- The problem is _____, revealed through _____.

The Takeaways

1. Let your _____ of Jesus inspire you to take the _____ of Jesus into a world that needs the _____ found in Jesus.
2. See the _____ of _____.
3. When you are _____ - _____, you are _____.