

Sermon Notes

"I Do Believe; Help My Unbelief"

Mark 9:14-29

May 10, 2026

5. In what areas of your life do you have the strongest faith? In what areas do you have the greatest barriers to faith? What are some of these barriers?

6. "I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief." When, if ever, have you prayed this way? Felt this way? Is this a confession of faith or doubt? Why? How has God helped you overcome your unbelief in the past?

7. What necessary step had the disciples failed to take in this situation (9:19, 28-29)? What areas of your life could use more prayer? What specific steps could you take this week to improve your prayer life? List ways your study group can become more effective in praying for one another's needs.

Let's Pray:

Growth Group Homework

For the week of 05-10-2026

Questions adapted from James Galvin, ed., et al., New Testament Lesson Maker, NavPress, Colorado Springs, CO, 1992, p. 87; Lyman Coleman, et al., eds., Serendipity New Testament for Groups, Serendipity House, Littleton, CO, 1986, p. 106-8; James Hoover, Mark: Follow Me, InterVarsity Press, Downers Grove, IL, 1999, pp. 46; Ted Dorman, Karen Lee-Thorp, ed., Life Change Series: Mark, NavPress, Colorado Springs, CO, 1995, pp. 88-89.

Getting Started:

1. When was the last time you felt inadequate to do a job you had to do?

Digging Deeper:

Read Mark 9:14-29.

2. What was the context of the events in this story (review 9:1-13)? How often in your life are spiritual highs followed by problems and temptations? What experience from your life illustrates your answer?
3. What was the boy's life like before Jesus healed him (9:21-22)? Imagine what the boy's father's life was like based on his report (9:20-22)? How does Jesus treat both the boy and his father (9:20-21, 27)? What does this reveal about Jesus' attitude toward those suffering and struggling with imperfect faith?
4. What was causing the father's doubts? How could he both doubt and believe at the same time? Which do you struggle with more – believing that Jesus *can* or that he *wants* to answer your prayers? Explain.