

Small Group Questions for the week of 8/9/26

Mark 9: 2-29

- 1) The voice from the cloud says, "This is my beloved Son; listen to him" — not "look at him" or "worship him," but "listen." Why might that specific command matter, especially right after Peter tries to speak?
- 2) Jesus goes from the mountaintop high, straight into the valley low of a demon-possessed boy and a failing attempt by the disciples. What does it mean that Jesus doesn't stay on the mountain?
- 3) The disciples couldn't cast out the spirit. Jesus says this kind only comes out through prayer (v. 29). What does that suggest about the difference between having done something before and depending on God each time?
- 4) "I believe; help my unbelief" (v. 24) — is this a contradiction, or can real faith and real doubt coexist? Where have you experienced both at once?
- 5) This passage moves from glory on the mountain to failure and doubt in the valley — and Jesus is present and active in both. Where in your life right now are you more in "mountain" mode or "valley" mode, and how does this passage speak to that?
- 6) What's one thing from this passage you want to carry into this week?