



**Week 5 -  
The Journey  
to Belief**

**LifeGroup  
Discussion  
Guide**

**How to use This Guide:**

Talking through the message during the week helps you and your group turn what God is saying to you into action steps. Begin with the discussion questions, add any optional scriptures and questions if needed, and then wrap up by deciding on your next steps.

**Discussion Questions:**

**Read Mark 9:14-29**

- What has been your most profitable mistake—the one from which you learned the most valuable lessons?
- Do you tend to berate others for making mistakes or encourage them to learn from mistakes?
- How did witnessing the transfiguration prepare the disciples for this next lesson? How did this lesson bring them down to earth from their mountaintop experience?
- How does our failure reflect badly on Jesus in the eyes of the world? What might we say when we have failed that would mitigate the damage done to His name?
- How would you respond to someone who said the child's behavior probably represented epilepsy or some other natural disease rather than demonic forces?
- Is our generation more or less of a "faithless generation" than the one Jesus confronted? In general, what causes people to change over generations?
- How does turning to Jesus with questions and doubts demonstrate at least small faith rather than no faith at all? What would no faith look like?
- Should our daily lives be divided into things we can do on our own and things we need Jesus' help to do? Explain.
- What did the disciples do after their failure? How can failure be made profitable?
- How does self-sufficiency express pride, while prayer and humility express "faith, trust, and dependency"?

**Make it Personal**

- How do you think the father in this story felt after many years of caring for his son?
- How great was the faith of the father?
- Why were the disciples unable to heal the boy?
- Which character of this story can you identify with?
- How does Jesus' promise, "If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes," strengthen your faith?
- In what ways does the father's plea, "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!" resonate with your prayers?
- How can you encourage others who are lacking faith?
- For more Bible passages about trusting God, see Genesis 18:1–14; Matthew 8:5–13; 9:27–31; Luke 11:9, 10;

**Next Steps**

What kind of faith does Jesus require of us?

When has your faith been challenged?

How have these challenges helped to deepen your faith in God?

What was your biggest take-away from the weekend message?

**What did God say to you today through His Word? And what are you going to do about it!**

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