

# Into the Life of Jesus

## A study in the gospel of Mark

### study #16

#### Review of last week:

This last week we looked at **Mark 9:2-29** – the glory of Jesus & the powerless disciples.

- As we think back to Sunday's teaching, what stands out? Was there something that hit home, challenged, or encouraged you? What questions are you left with and what do you need to do with them? (By sharing your thoughts out loud and with others, you can deepen what you've learned.)

#### Mark 9:30-10:16

First off, take a moment to pray before you read, and ask the Holy Spirit to open your heart to hear God's Word. Then, read the passage aloud a few times.

- And just for something different, try standing up as each person reads their different translation. Allow your diaphragm to do its' work. Breathe from your belly, speak the words clearly, pause and give emphasis where it is needed. Listen closely and try to think deeply as you read/listen. For those who are listening, try to soak in the words.
- And if you are able, read from a few different translations for greater clarity.

**re: 9:30-32** - The disciples were receiving rather intentional teaching from Jesus as they made their way to Jerusalem. But as we read, they struggled to understand his teachings. They still had their own off-track ideas of what his kingdom would look like.

- How does knowing this give you hope when you struggle with understanding scripture?
  - What are a few critical factors to understanding God's Word and Jesus' teaching?
  - What kind of attitude do we need to have to learn from Jesus?
  - What kinds of things might be stumbling blocks to decipher what God's Word says and how it applies to your life?
  - How does your spiritual posture affect others around you?

Following his second prediction about the cross, Jesus teaching continually circles back to **what His kingdom means for the treatment of kids**. Review the text if needed.

- Have you ever noticed this before? Why or why not?
- What does this say about God and Jesus' attitude toward kids?
- Since **you** were once a kid – what does this say about Jesus' thoughts and attitude toward **you** as a kid? How does this affirm or challenge your childhood perception of God/Jesus?
- Notice also the repeated references to doing things "*in Jesus' name*".
  - What does this mean? And how does this relate to this theme about how we treat kids?

It seems odd to have a whole study on Jesus and kids – but imagine how our world would be impacted if every kids knew and experienced life according to the priorities of Jesus.

**Pray Together:** for the kids in our lives and our relationships with them.