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Week 5

Series: Equipped

Sermon Title: TBD

Sermon Text: Luke 9:37-50

Group Week of: March 3, 2024

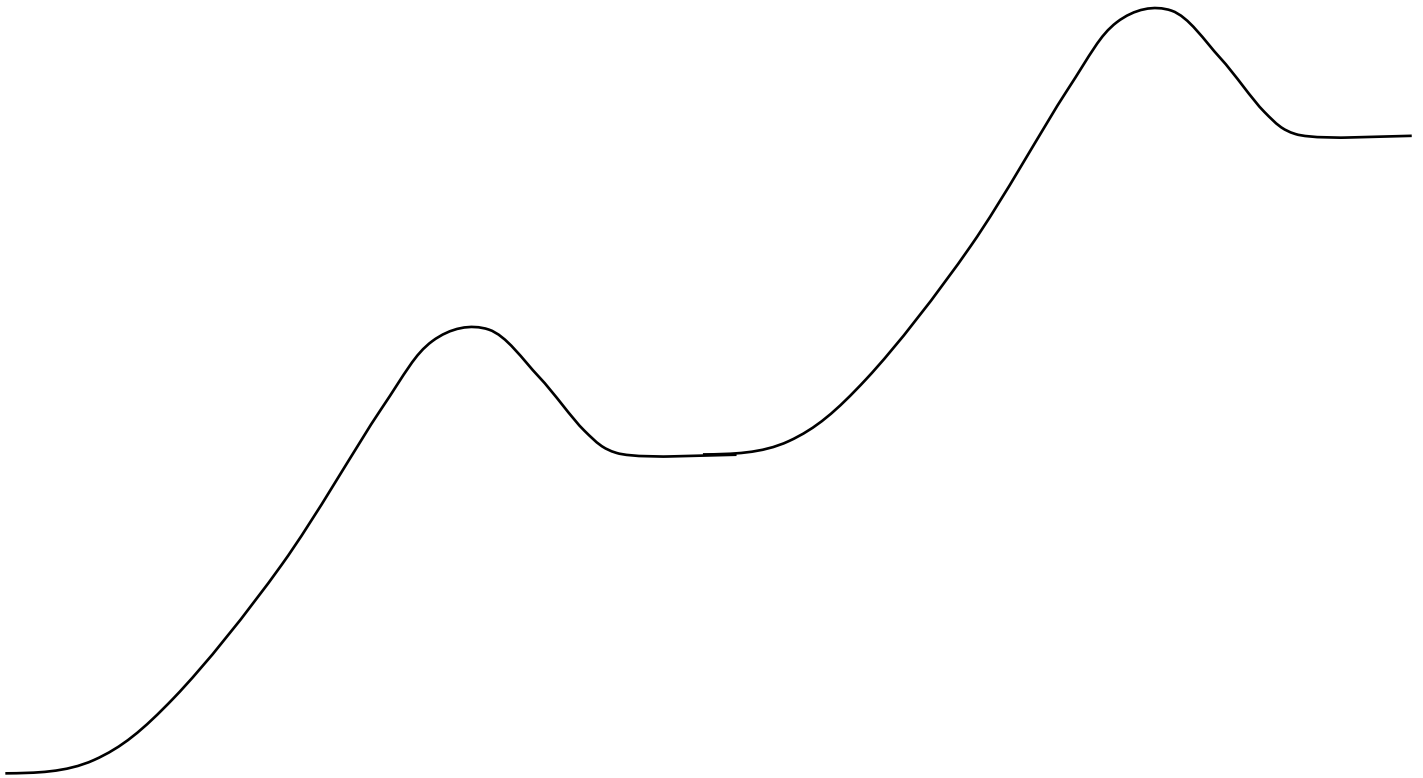
Sermon Date: March 10, 2024

Scriptures for Additional Daily Studies

Day 1	Mark's Account – Mark 9:14-41
Day 2	Perverse People – Duet 32:1-43 (v. 5)
Day 3	Crowds Amazed – Luke 4:31-36
Day 4	The Greatest – Mark 10:33-45
Day 5	The Child – Matthew 18:1-5

The Text: Luke 9:37-50

- 1) **Read** the text slowly and carefully.
- 2) **Pray** for understanding, insight, and transformation.
- 3) **Fill in the plot arch** by writing down verses in the story as points on the plot line to help show you where the main lessons in the story are.
- 4) **Answer** the interpretive questions at the bottom.



Textual Questions

- 1) What is (are) the main lesson(s) you see Jesus giving to His disciples (and us) through this text?
- 2) Who is Jesus speaking to when He calls out an “unbelieving and perverse generation?”
- 3) Why does Jesus use this moment of miracle working to teach His disciples again about His mission of suffering?

Discussion Guide Questions

- 1) While Jesus is up on the mountain, His disciples below continue to minister in His name. However, things don't go as expected when they are unable, for the first time, to cast this demon out of the afflicted boy. When was the last time you felt like you were serving the Lord as you were supposed to, but where you expected God to provide strength, He didn't?

- 2) Why do you think God allows for times when ministry and life go differently than expected? What can be fruitful about those times?

- 3) What was your answer to question 2 of the textual questions? Whether it was the crowds, the dad, or the disciples, what do you see them doing that is perverse and unbelieving in the eyes of God?

- 4) When Jesus casts out the demon and heals the boy, the people are marveling at the power of God. Jesus takes that moment of earthly glory to remind His disciples of His coming betrayal, death, and resurrection. In that moment, what earthly reward do you think the disciples might be tempted by? How does Jesus' teaching admonish and correct that temptation?

- 5) What earthly rewards are most meaningful to you? How does Jesus' teaching affect your view/pursuit of those things?

- 6) Over time, when a group of believers is passionately serving the Lord, differences emerge. We begin to compare ourselves, our walks, and our fruit with one another. Where have you seen this in the church? Unchecked, what do such comparisons lead to?

- 7) What are the veiled ways in which we act "greater" than those around us?

- 8) Jesus says that true greatness is receiving a child in His name. This was seen as a lowly thing in Jewish culture – beneath the work of a Rabbi. What is required to receive a child in Christ's name? What do we need to have in our hearts in order to eagerly go about doing the task we think is "beneath us?"