

## The Healing of a Boy With an Evil Spirit - Mark 9:14-32

*Topics:* Believe, Demons, Discipline, Doubt, Faith, Healing, Prayer, Unbelievers

### Open It

- \* 1. When was the last time you felt inadequate to do a job you had to do?
- 2. In what situation have you done something that you thought was impossible?

### Explore It

- 3. What was the setting of the events in this story? (9:14)
- 4. How did the people react when they saw Jesus? (9:15)
- 5. What did Jesus ask the crowd and the teachers of the law? (9:16)
- 6. What were the people arguing about? (9:17)
- 7. What had the evil spirit done to the boy it possessed? (9:17-18)
- \* 8. Why were the disciples unable to cast the demon out of the boy? (9:19)
- \* 9. How did Jesus feel at this point? (9:19)
- 10. What was the evil spirit's response to Jesus? (9:20)
- 11. What was the boy's life like before Jesus healed him? (9:21-22)
- \* 12. How were prayer and faith related in this situation? (9:22-23)
- 13. What problem did the father need to overcome? (9:24)
- 14. When did Jesus cast the demon out? (9:25-26)
- 15. How did Jesus treat the demon-possessed boy? (9:24-27)
- 16. What necessary step had the disciples failed to take in this situation? (9:28-29)
- 17. Why did Jesus want to avoid the crowds of people? (9:30-31)
- 18. What news did Jesus repeat privately to the disciples? (9:31)
- 19. What frightened the disciples? (9:31-32)

### Get It

- 20. How do you think Jesus felt about His disciples in this situation?
- 21. How should we pray when we feel inadequate?
- 22. In what ways do you think we are an "unbelieving generation" like the people of Jesus' day?
- 23. What difference does it make that "everything is possible for him who believes"?
- 24. In what area of your life do you struggle with doubt?
- 25. What can we learn from the father's example in this story?
- 26. How has God helped you overcome your unbelief in the past?
- \* 27. In what areas of life do you think we fail to see success because we do not pray?
- \* 28. How can you become more dedicated to prayer?

### Apply It

- \* 29. About what in your life will you pray every day this week? When?
- 30. What concrete action can you take today to show a commitment to prayer?