

## Whoever Is Not Against Us Is for Us - Mark 9:38-41

*Topics:* Arguments, Believers, Demons, Divisions, Jealousy, Judging Others, Ministry, Miracles, Pride, Rewards, Unity

### Open It

- \* 1. What do people argue about in your family?
- 2. What happens to a team of workers when members become jealous and use power plays against each other?
- 3. What do you think are the advantages and disadvantages of church denominations?

### Explore It

- 4. Who told Jesus about the dilemma facing the disciples? (9:38)
- 5. How did John refer to Jesus and how was that significant? (9:38)
- \* 6. What issue concerned the disciples? (9:38)
- 7. Why did the disciples try to stop a man from driving out demons? (9:38)
- \* 8. What attitudes did the disciples have in this situation? (9:38)
- \* 9. How did Jesus respond to the disciples' question? (9:40)
- 10. Why did Jesus not mind others, who were not part of His group of disciples, performing miracles in His name? (9:40)
- 11. What attitude did Jesus want the disciples to have? (9:41)
- 12. How will God treat those who do good in Christ's name? (9:41)
- 13. What principle was Jesus trying to teach the disciples? (9:39-41)

### Get It

- 14. What jealousies and power struggles do you see in the church today?
- \* 15. Over what issues do we tend to be divided as believers?
- \* 16. How does Christ want us to respond to others who minister in His name, even if they do not come from the same group or background as we do?
- 17. How do you think God views the various denominations and separate societies that the Christian church has divided into?
- 18. How can we become more unified as a body of believers?
- 19. How can you ensure that you are serving in the name of Christ and not allowing wrong motives to steal any of the glory that belongs to Christ?
- 20. What ministry do you think God might be leading you to get involved in?
- 21. What do you think we could do as churches and denominations to lay aside our differences and put up a united front to the world?
- 22. What can churches do to support those who are not against them?

### Apply It

- 23. What step can you take this week to help another person in Christ's name?
- \* 24. What can you do to support someone who does good and is "not against you"?