

LIFE Group Sermon Questions

The Center of Everything: The Beggar

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Luke 9:37-43a



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Sermon Outline

The Story of Luke 9:

- I. An enslaved son (Luke 9:38-39)
- II. A desperate dad (Luke 9:40)
- III. A strong Savior (Luke 9:41-42)

The Story of the Gospel:

- I. An enslaved people (Romans 6:16-23)
- II. A desperate people (Romans 3:9-20)
- III. A strong Savior (Romans 8:1-2)

Discussion Questions

1. What did you learn today from the Scripture passage(s) that you didn't know before? What is something that hit you in a fresh way?

2. In your own words, why is it good to remember that you have an enemy in the world (see 1 Peter 5:8)? What danger is there in *forgetting* or *losing sight* of that?

3. What does it look like practically to be alert and on guard in the Christian life against the Devil's schemes (see Ephesians 6:10-20)?

4. Pastor Josh mentioned two mistakes Christians make: 1. Thinking that we can resist the Devil on our own, and 2. Thinking that just because we belong to Jesus, the Devil won't bother us. Why is thinking in these ways a *mistake*?

5. How have you seen the power of the Evil One in or around you? How has that influenced your prayers?

6. In Luke 9, this desperate dad brings his enslaved son to Jesus. How can we (as parents, grandparents, uncles, aunts, friends, etc.) bring those we know to God in prayer?

7. Where else in Luke have we see the strength of Jesus over demons, disasters, even death?

8. In Luke 9:41, Jesus tells this dad to bring him his son. He heard the father's cry for help! Take a few minutes to peruse the Psalms to look for other instances of God listening to those who need help. How do these verses/passages encourage you?

9. How have you seen the power of Jesus on display...

- ...in your life?
- ...in someone else's life?
- ...in our church?
- ...in the world?

10. As a group, try telling the story of the Gospel through the story in Luke 9.

11. Why does it matter that we see ourselves as the enslaved son and desperate dad and *not* as the strong Savior? What are the dangers if we don't?