

The Gospel According to Mark Jesus. Servant. Master.

Lesson 37

Read Mark 9:38 – 50

Introduction: *John told Jesus that the disciples had seen someone who was doing miracles in the name of Jesus, but he wasn't a part of their group. So the disciples had told him not to do it anymore. John wanted to start the first denomination to exclude those who aren't with us. Jesus told John to accept anyone who was working in His name and not to stand in their way. "He who is not against us is on our side." If anyone is ministering in the name of Christ, they should be blessed. They don't need to join us; they just need to join Him. We can become so divisive and suspicious. It comes from our insecurity. There are plenty of ministry opportunities to go around. We don't need to think we have cornered the market.*

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1. What was John's concern in Mark 9:38 that he felt like he needed to warn Jesus? Have you ever felt this way about another man's ministry that was not like yours?
 - According to Philippians 1:15 – 18 what was the apostle Paul's attitude concerning the ministry of Christ?

2. What did Jesus say to John and the other disciples when John said, “we forbade him because he does not follow us” in Mark 9:39?

- We must be careful not to exclude those Christians that are in various denominations and non-denomination churches. What did Jesus say in Mark 9:40 – 41 and Matthew 10:40 – 42?

- What are some practical ways we can give someone a cup of water in the name of Christ? (Refer to Matthew 25:31 – 40)

3. What did Jesus say to those that would *stumble* (cause to fall into sin) one of His children found in Mark 9:42?

The language Jesus uses in Mark 9:43 – 48 is not meant to promote self-mutilation, but instead stresses the importance of cutting sin out of your life. What three areas did Jesus focused on that we should be extremely aware of?

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- Why do you think Jesus targeted those three physical areas and what spiritual point was Jesus making? (Compare with 1 John 2:16)

4. What warning did Jesus give in Mark 9:43 – 48 about the consequence of continuing in habitual sin?

- What do we learn in the following scriptures about the works of the flesh and it's final outcome?
 - Galatians 5:19 – 21
 - 1 Corinthians 6:9 – 11
 - Romans 6:20 – 23

- John 8:31 – 36

5. What do the following scriptures teach us about Hell?

- Matthew 25:41 – 46
- Matthew 8:12
- Matthew 10:28
- 2 Thessalonians 1:8 – 9
- Revelation 20:10 – 15
- Revelation 21:8

6. In Mark 9:49 – 50 Jesus was talking about not losing your saltiness. What did Jesus mean when He said *“everyone will be seasoned with fire, and every sacrifice will be seasoned with salt?”* (Refer to Leviticus 2:13 & Matthew 5:13)