

Small Group Questions

October 11, 2020

Series: Honest To God

Message: "Little faith, Big God"

This four week series will five week series will look at different people and occasions when folks got honest with God about their doubt, indecision, inability, etc. Each week will look at a different issue that we may feel cannot be shared honestly with God. What we discover in the stories of this series is the same issues still hold people back from full honesty with God and others. At the same time, God has worked through limited people to accomplish His purposes. Let's not over spiritualize the people in the Bible to be more than they were, namely, flesh and blood people like us. The main issue then, and now, remains our understanding of who God is and how He empowers people, even those with limitations.

Thanks for shepherding people during these COVID days. Connection means more than ever!

(Questions to get everyone to participate)

1. If you could move mountains, which one would you move first: Mr. Everest? Favorite ski hill? Mountains of paper? Other?
2. When you were growing up, when were you the sickest? Explain.

(Questions based on the primary texts)

Read Matthew 17:14-20 and Mark 9:14-29.

3. Where was Jesus when the disciples were trying to cast out the demon? How does this contribute to His frustration? (Check the passage right before this passage)
4. How would you paraphrase what Jesus says in :20?
5. The first part of the chapter is a "mountain top" experience for three disciples, followed by a "valley" experience of their own failure. Which builds your faith more?
6. What possibilities and what abuses come to mind when you ponder the fact that "everything is possible for him who believes" (Mark 9:23)?
7. True or false: people focus more on the amount of their own faith rather than focus on the God who can move mountains. Explain.
8. What is the biggest mountain you are currently facing?
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