



The Disciples' Limited Abilities

Luke 9:37-45

Something to Start Us Off

- In what ways do you see yourself as spiritually weak?

Something to Notice

- Who is the “they” in v.37? And where were they before this?
- What do we know about the boy in the story?
- What did Jesus tell his disciples in v.44?

Something to Understand

In Mark 9:14-29, there is a longer version of this same story about the demonized boy and his father. Read it if you want to get a more thorough picture of what went on.

- When you think about the disciples not being able to cast out the demon, how does it affect you? Can you relate to that experience in any way?
- What do we learn from Jesus being able to rebuke the unclean spirit and cast it out right away?
- Read 9:43-45 again. Why do you think the disciples could not understand what Jesus was talking about?
- Jesus was obviously well aware of what was going to happen to him in the near future. What does that tell us about Jesus?

Something to Take Home

- When you consider these stories relating to the disciples' limited abilities, how does it make you feel? What kind of things do you think about in your own life that are similar?
- Is there anything else from this look at Luke 9:37-45 that you especially want to remember for future reference? Can you explain why?