

## Learning to Work Miracles (Mark 9:14-29)

*Experience God's Power – Part 6*  
**Life Church St. Louis – July 10, 2016**  
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*Luke 10:9, 17 (NIV) Heal the sick who are there and tell them, 'The kingdom of God is near you.' The seventy-two returned with joy and said, 'Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name.'*

*Acts 6:8 (NIV) Now Stephen, a man full of God's grace and power, did great wonders and miraculous signs among the people.*

*1 Corinthians 12:8-10 (NIV) To one there is given through the Spirit .... gifts of healing by that one Spirit, to another miraculous powers ...*

### 1. Look for an opportunity for a \_\_\_\_\_

*Mark 9:14-15 (NIV) When they came to the other disciples, they saw a large crowd around them and the teachers of the law arguing with them. As soon as all the people saw Jesus, they were overwhelmed with wonder and ran to greet him.*

#### 1A. Be prepared for \_\_\_\_\_

*Mark 9:16 (NIV) "What are you arguing with them about?" he asked.*

#### 1B. Learn from your \_\_\_\_\_

*Mark 9:17-18 (NIV) A man in the crowd answered, "Teacher, I brought you my son, who is possessed by a spirit that has robbed him of speech. Whenever it seizes him, it throws him to the ground. He foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth and becomes rigid. I asked your disciples to drive out the spirit, but they could not."*

### 2. Listen to Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_

#### 2A. \_\_\_\_\_ prevents miracles

*Mark 9:19 (NIV) "O unbelieving generation," Jesus replied, "how long shall I stay with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring the boy to me."*

### 2B. Some miracles are more \_\_\_\_\_

*Mark 9:20-22 (NIV) So they brought him. When the spirit saw Jesus, it immediately threw the boy into a convulsion. He fell to the ground and rolled around, foaming at the mouth. Jesus asked the boy's father, "How long has he been like this?" "From childhood," he answered. "It has often thrown him into fire or water to kill him. But if you can do anything, take pity on us and help us."*

#### 2C. \_\_\_\_\_ is required for miracles

*Mark 9:23-24 (NIV) "'If you can'?" said Jesus. "Everything is possible for him who believes." Immediately the boy's father exclaimed, "I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!"*

### 3. \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus' miracles

#### 3A. Take \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus' name

*Mark 9:25 (NIV) When Jesus saw that a crowd was running to the scene, he rebuked the evil spirit. "You deaf and mute spirit," he said, "I command you, come out of him and never enter him again."*

#### 3B. \_\_\_\_\_ the miracle

*Mark 9:26-27 (NIV) The spirit shrieked, convulsed him violently and came out. The boy looked so much like a corpse that many said, "He's dead." But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him to his feet, and he stood up.*

#### 3C. Understand that \_\_\_\_\_ is essential

*Mark 9:28-29 (NIV) After Jesus had gone indoors, his disciples asked him privately, "Why couldn't we drive it out?" He replied, "This kind can come out only by prayer."*

### Action Plan for This Week

- Have a daily quiet time of Bible reading, prayer & writing.
  - Mon  Tue  Wed  Thu  Fri  Sat  Sun
- Study Luke 8 to better understand God's miracle-working power.
- Invite your friends, relatives, workmates & neighbors to our Sunday service.

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## Study Guide

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Intro. Why do you think that many churches believe that God no longer works miracles?

How would you respond to someone who said that only the apostles had the power to work miracles (Luke 10:9, 17, Acts 6:8)?

Since the gifts of the Spirit, including healing and miracles, are available to all believers, what must be done to see more of them (1 Corinthians 12:8-10, 14:1)?

How did Jesus perform miracles (Matthew 12:28)? What are miracles signs of?

1A. What does the scene that Jesus meets at the foot of the Mount of Transfiguration tell you about life (Mark 9:14-15)?

1B. What do you think the disciples and the teachers of the law were arguing about (Mark 9:16)?

1C. How did the evil spirit affect this boy (Mark 9:17-18)?

1D. In what ways are impossible situations opportunities for a miracle?

2A. How is it instructive that Jesus used His disciples' failure to work a miracle to teach them?

2B. What was Jesus' criticism of the disciples (Mark 9:19)?

2C. Why did the evil spirit react to seeing Jesus (Mark 9:20-22)? In what way does the father's plea to Jesus reflect unbelief?

2D. How does Jesus correct the father (Mark 9:23-24)? How would you characterize the father's response to Jesus' correction?

2E. How is faith like a channel through which the Spirit's power flows? How can you increase your faith?

3A. In what ways did watching Jesus perform the miracle increase the disciple's faith? How can reading about miracles increase your faith?

3B. How is speaking directly to the evil spirit different than praying to God (Mark 9:25)? Why is it important for believers today to take authority over evil spirits in Jesus' name (Acts 19:13-17)?

3C. How was the boy appearing to be dead a challenge (Mark 9:26-27)? How did Jesus meet the challenge?

3D. How would you explain why the disciples could not drive out this evil spirit (Mark 9:28-29, Matthew 17:19-20)?

3E. How can you and our church grow in learning to work miracles?