



### **Monday: Mark 9:2-13**

1. How is Jesus shown to be greater than Moses and Elijah?
2. What do the disciples continue to struggle to understand about Jesus?
3. The disciples seeing Elijah no doubt confused them regarding their understanding of Elijah preparing the way for the Messiah. (See Mal. 3:1; 4:5-6) Who fulfilled Malachi's prophecy? (See Lu. 1:13-17; Matt. 11:7-15; 17:11-13)
4. Missionary of the week: Pray for Ron and Debbie Fuqua as they share Christ and help plant churches in Romania with Wycliff Bible Translators.

### **Tuesday: Mark 9:14-29**

1. What do you learn about the power of demons?
2. What grieves Jesus about his disciples and the boy's father?
3. Earlier the disciples had been given authority by Jesus to cast out demons (See Mk. 6:7, 13). Given their earlier success, why do you think Jesus put emphasis on prayer for overcoming demonic influence?
4. Pray for the people in your Oikos or "5 for 5".

### **Wednesday: Mark 9:30-37**

1. What did Jesus tell his disciples would happen to him, and why do you think they were satisfied to remain ignorant on the topic?
2. Even followers of Jesus can lose sight of what really matters most. What were the disciples arguing over, and what spiritual issues are at the root of their argument?
3. What values does Jesus say are to be characteristic of his followers?
4. Pray for people where they work and live that they would honor God in all they do.

#### **Thursday: Mark 9:38-41**

1. This conversation is part of the same scene from yesterday's reading. What does John's comment, together with vs. 34, show us about the heart of John and the other disciples?
2. How is the exorcism the disciples observed different from the exorcism in Acts 19:11-16?
3. What does Jesus teach his disciples about teamwork?
4. Pray for government leaders both locally and globally.

#### **Friday: Mark 9:42-50**

1. What is the severe warning Jesus gives to those who seek to lead believing children away from Jesus?
2. In vs. 43-48 Jesus is speaking in hyperbole. This has to do with getting into the kingdom of God (vs. 47). What is Jesus teaching about discipleship?
3. How do you think Jesus words in vs. 50 would be helpful to the disciple's concerns? (vs. 34, 38; See also Matt. 5:13)
4. Pray for family and friends.

#### **Saturday and Sunday**

Review what you read in Mark this week. Pray for those serving Christ faithfully and pray for the services on Sunday. Pray the prayer of Colossians 1:9-14.