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Seeing & Hearing the Gospel of Jesus Christ

Small Group Questions — The Week of June 13, 2021

Sermon Overview: While Peter, James, and John are high on the mountain experiencing the transfiguration of Jesus, the rest of the disciples are with a growing crowd below. While this inner circle of disciples hears the Heavenly Father say, “This is My beloved Son; listen to Him,” the rest of the disciples hear a man in the crowd asking them to deliver his only son from a demon that seeks to kill him. In this gospel account, we see faith and failure, glory and sin, light and darkness, belief and unbelief, and death and resurrection. The demon is in deep. The father is desperate. What will Jesus do?

Scripture Reading: Mark 9:14-29

1. Spend some time contrasting what is happening on top of the mountain and down below.
2. Describe how you can imagine this father feeling as he brings his son to Jesus.
3. Why does Jesus respond the way He does?
4. What stands out to you about this man’s statement, “I believe; help my unbelief!”
5. Why were the disciples unable to cast out the demon? What can we learn from their failure?
6. What do you need to bring to Jesus?