

Sermon Notes

Amazing Doubt
Mark 9:14 - 29

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Doubts can be intellectual, emotional, or social.

Identify your doubts: (e.g.)

God can do anything that he wants to.

Bring your doubts toward God.

Dealing with Doubt – Michael Patton

Have mercy on those who doubt

Realize doubt can lead to deepened faith

Be ready to live with mystery

Make the main things the main things

Live according to the faith you still have

Doubt your doubts

Don't underestimate the power of prayer.

Questions for Reflection/Discussion:

As always feel free to tweak, skip, or add questions to focus on areas you think most relevant to your group.

1. What was/is your favorite activity to do with your parents(s)?
2. What are some examples of doubts that originate from the intellect, emotions, or society? In your own life which of these sources seems to carry the most weight when it comes to your doubts?
3. What danger is there in ignoring or hiding the doubts we are facing?
4. What kind of conditions are necessary for you to feel safe in processing your doubts with someone? How are we doing as a group at creating that kind of environment?
5. If you do feel safe talking about doubts:
 - a. What are some doubts that you have worked through and resolved to your satisfaction?
 - b. What are some doubts that you've decided to become comfortable living in the mystery?
 - c. What are some doubts that you are wrestling with right now?
6. What is the father in the passage communicating to Jesus when he says I believe, but help me in my unbelief? When can we use that type of prayer today?
7. What did you find most helpful in the wisdom from Michael Patton?
8. How can prayer be used to help us in the midst of our doubts?
9. What did you find most impactful from this message?