

## MUSTARD SEED FAITH

(King Jesus: The Gospel of Matthew- Part 44)

January 10, 2021

**Today's Passage:** Matthew 17:14-21 (Mk 9:14-29, Lk 9:37-43b)

### SOME DISAPPOINTMENT FOR JESUS

Mt 17:17, Num 14:11; Mt. 18:1; Mt 16:22; 17:20; Lk 9:1-2; Mk 9:28-29

- The disciples \_\_\_\_\_

- The disciples were \_\_\_\_\_

### SOME HOPE FOR THE DISCIPLES

Mt 17:14,19; Jn 20:24-29; Acts 12:1-17; Ps 13

- God works through even \_\_\_\_\_ of faith

- \_\_\_\_\_ is an act of faith

### SO WHAT?

What one step is God calling you to take in bringing Jesus' healing for the world at this time?

*Fill-ins: lacked faith; self-reliant; a small amount; Prayer*

## Life Group Questions for the Week of January 10, 2021

1. Looking back at your notes from this Sunday's message, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?
2. Which character from Sunday's passage do you most identify with? Why?
3. The father of the demon-possessed son was desperate. Are there examples in your life where desperation has driven you to Jesus?
4. Why do you think Jesus expresses His frustration and disappointment so strongly in Mt 17:17?
5. The father says to Jesus in Mark 9:24, "I believe; help my unbelief!" What did he mean by that? Describe his belief and his unbelief. How did Jesus respond to him in Mk 9:25-27?
6. We heard on Sunday how easy it is to rely on our abilities rather than God's power. King Asa is someone who should have known better than to fall into the trap of self-reliance. What do you learn about self-reliance and its consequences from 2 Chronicles 16:1-12? Where in your life do you find it hardest to rely on God's provision or plan? How might you be tempted to rely on yourself?
7. How can you encourage others who are lacking faith?
8. Peter probably would have rather stayed on the mountaintop with his tent beholding Jesus' glory than to have descended into the mire and misery of sin. In what ways are you tempted to build your tent and separate from the pain and suffering of the world? How can one overcome this tendency in order to be Christ's witnesses and make disciples?