



CURRICULUM GUIDE

Matthew Season 5: Impossible to Possible

Episode 6: The Faith of a Child

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Discussion Questions

- Read Matthew 17:22-27, 18:1-4. What stood out to you this week in the sermon, in the Scriptures and what God revealed to you about Himself?
- **Discover:** Read Matthew 17:1-13 After God spoke on the Mount of Transfiguration, what was the disciples' response? (They fell on their faces and were terrified.) God's Word is the modern-day voice of God. How do you respond to God's voice and what leads you to that response?
Deepen: How can you increase your reverence for God's Word?
- Storms reveal the foundation of our faith. Think back on a difficult season in your life. What did that storm reveal about what/who you were trusting in most? Share how you've seen your response to storms change as your faith has grown.
- How does it impact your relationship with God when something in your life doesn't turn out the way you pictured it? How do you respond in that moment?
- **Discover:** Read Matthew 17:22-23. Why were the disciples "greatly distressed" when Jesus foretold His death and resurrection?
Deepen: While it is easy to criticize the disciples' blindness, we also tend to miss God's better plan for our lives. Discuss how we tend to focus on our own plans and desires and miss God's plans because they might be "uncomfortable."
- Where are you most tempted to expect God to accomplish your plans instead of surrendering to His? How does living a life focused on God's glory give you freedom as opposed to a life focused on you?
- **Discover:** Read Matthew 18:1-4. What does Jesus mean when He says that unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven?
Deepen: What changes do you need to make in your life to become like a child?
- **Discover:** According to John 12:27-28, what is the reason Jesus walked to the cross?
Deepen: How can making God's glory your highest priority change the way you approach suffering, success, or unanswered prayers?
- Pastor Matt talked about the Lord's Prayer. How can you begin to pray this prayer in a more meaningful, sanctifying and transformative way?

Action Step: When challenges, disappointment, frustration, or anxiety surface this week, ask yourself, "Is Jesus still enough if this situation never changes?" Then thank Him for one specific evidence of His faithfulness in your life and share that testimony with someone in your group.