

· Jesus and the family with a demon- Mark 9:14-29

Ideas for an intro

- Sometimes people get together and even if they like each other, they can still argue. I know at school or work people can argue, but I have been reminded that I can get into some pretty heated discussions with family and friends. Sometimes they are just silly things like which Pokemon Go team is the best or which the best sports team is. (Cowboys vs. Redskins or Dodgers vs. Angels)
- Sometimes the discussions can get a little more personal and deeper. Today's session deals with a mix of relationships, as well as some pretty deep and serious things.

A Biblical Passage to focus on

1. Read Mark 9:14-29

A short devotional based on that Biblical passage

1. Who are some of the people that are in the crowd that meets Jesus? (v. 14-15)
2. What do we learn about this group?
3. A man comes to meet Jesus. Why does he want to meet Jesus? (v. 17-18)
4. How does Jesus describe the people? (v. 19)
5. What happens to the boy at first? (v. 20)
6. How long has the child had this problem? (v. 21)
7. What does the father struggle with? (v. 22-24)
8. What happens with the boy? (v. 25-27)
9. What does Jesus tell the disciples? (v 28-29)

Brainstorming questions for you and your team

1. When was the last time you got into an argument?
2. When was the last time your team got into an argument?
3. When was the last time your ministry/club had a major disagreement?
4. When was the last time you struggled with doubt? Your team/ministry/club?
5. The boy struggles with his demon from when he was a child. What is an issue/prayer request that you have dealt with for a long time?
6. How often do you pray personally? With your team? In your Ministry/Club?
7. What might help you to pray?

Application Concepts

1. When struggling with something personal or with your team/club/ministry, set up options to remind you to connect/refocus on Christ.
2. Set up options for people to get support/help when dealing with an issue or with doubt.
3. Make a list of some of these issues as well as people/resources that can help.
4. Set up regular times and opportunities to pray.

This week's Holy Experiment...or ask God for another

1. Make time to pray for something specific.
2. Reach out to someone who has been struggling for a long time.