

**“O Faithless and Twisted Generation”**

*Sermon Notes*

- **Our church's mission and vision grind to a screeching halt when we walk by sight and not by faith in Christ**

*\*Two biblical truths we are wise to hold in tension...*

1. We are \_\_\_\_\_ for our \_\_\_\_\_  
(vv. 37-43a; Matthew 17:19-20; Mark 9:28-29)

*So...*

2. God is \_\_\_\_\_ over our \_\_\_\_\_  
(vv.43b-45; Luke 18:34; 24:45; 2 Timothy 2:7)

*So...*

**Next Week: Luke 9:46-50 - “Even the Best of Men Are Men At Best”**

**Community Group Study Guide**  
For the Week of November 12<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup>

**Please read Luke 9:37-45.**

1. The events described in Luke 9:37-45 take place the day after the transfiguration (Luke 9:37).
  - a. What does this episode have to do with the transfiguration?
  - b. Compare this scene with the scene at the transfiguration. How do things look on top of the mountain verses down at the bottom?
  
2. The experience of the boy with the unclean spirit in verses 39 and 42 sounds like epilepsy.
  - a. Was this actually a demonic possession or was it an illness? Please explain your answer.
  - b. Jesus rebukes the unclean spirit in verse 42. Is it possible to rebuke a disease? (See Luke 4:39). Please explain.
  - c. Jesus healed the boy in verse 42. Does this indicate that this was an illness rather than a possession? (See Acts 10:38). Please explain.
  - d. Is it possible that in some cases, demons can exercise control over illness? (See Job 2:7). Please explain.
  - e. How is the boy's experience a metaphor for evil in our lives?
  
3. The disciples were unable to cast out the demon.
  - a. Was this because the ability to cast out demons was given to them temporarily to empower them to preach the good news in Luke 9:1-2? Please explain your answer.
  - b. Was this due to some problem with the faith of the disciples? Please explain.
  - c. Was this due to a particular difficulty with this demon? Why or why not?
  - d. Why was Jesus able to cast out the demon when the disciples were not?
  - e. Why was the crowd there in the first place?

4. Jesus refers to a faithless and twisted generation in verse 41.
  - a. Is he provoked to say this by the request of the boy's father or by something the boy has done? Please explain.
  - b. Is he provoked to say this because of the inability of the disciples to cast out the unclean spirit? Please explain.
  - c. Is he provoked to say this by the crowd? Why or why not.
  - d. Does the faithlessness and twistedness of the generation have something to do with the way that they are about to treat Jesus? Please explain.
  
5. The disciples don't understand what Jesus has told them about his coming betrayal (see verse 45).
  - a. Do you think this was an intellectual problem, or a heart problem? Please explain your answer.
  - b. Does their failure to ask for clarification indicate that they didn't want to confirm what they already suspected? Why or why not?
  - c. If so, how well are they meeting the requirements of Luke 9:23?
  - d. Do you think their failure to understand may have had something to do with their failure to cast out the demon? Please explain.
  - e. How does the upcoming betrayal of Jesus, after this miraculous healing, reinforce what has been revealed on the Mount of Transfiguration?