



# Reality Check

Mark 9:14-29

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## EASY CROWD BREAKER QUESTION...

1. What was the best vacation or camp experience you ever had? Why?

## THE ARGUMENT (back to reality) - 9:14-16

1. Have you ever gotten yourself into an argument where your own ego was the main issue?
2. What might the argument between the scribes and the disciples reveal about them?

## THE CIRCUMSTANCE OF THE SON (horrific) - 9:17,18

1. Have you known someone who (or perhaps you yourself) came close to what this father and son were experiencing? What was that like?

## JESUS' STATEMENT (about faith) - 9:19,20

1. What point is Jesus making about faith?
2. How does Jesus' statement expose the weakness of the disciples faith?
3. How does Jesus' statement expose the weakness of the father's faith?
4. How might Jesus' statement expose weakness in your own faith?

## FAITH & FOCUS - 9:21-24

1. Our struggle with faith is with God and not us. True False

## THE EXORCISIM (Jesus' authority) - 9:25-27

1. In what ways does Jesus demonstrate His divine authority?
2. How might Jesus' demonstration of His divine authority have "helped" the faith of the father? Of the son? Of the disciples?

## PRAYER, FAITH, & AUTHORITY - 9:28,29

1. What is Jesus helping His disciples to understand about prayer, faith, and authority?
2. Why is it helpful for us to know what Jesus is teaching His disciples?

## PROCESSING ALL THAT... (four questions)

1. How would you answer the four take away questions from this morning?
  - 1) Do you believe that God can do anything?
  - 2) Are you willing to leave the "anything" up to Him?
  - 3) Will you stop worrying, quit interrupting, cease striving, and simply pray?
  - 4) Will you accept the answer God chooses to give?
2. Is there anything from today's study which might help you to answer each question with an unqualified "Yes!!!!"?