



CIBC Sermon-Based Discussion Guide

This guide is designed to help guide life group discussions of this week's sermon at Cayman Islands Baptist Church. For more information on life groups and other discipleship opportunities at CIBC, please visit www.cibaptist.ky.



Get the Picture

- Title:** “When The Need Is Too Great”
- Series/Text:** Prayer: The Hour That Changes The World (Mark 9:14-29)
- Date:** Jan. 31, 2021
- Speaker:** Pastor Steve
- Main Idea:** When the need is too great, go to Jesus.



Group Discussion

a) Connect

- 1) **Commit:** Before you begin, agree as a group that you will commit to having an honest discussion about this text without casting any judgment or sharing any unsolicited advice.
- 2) **Read:** Read **Psalm 139:23-24** out loud before you pray to begin the discussion.
- 3) **Pray:** Pray over the group and ask the Lord to “*Search your heart*” and reveal idols that are keeping you from receiving truth.

b) Engage

- 1) **Read:** Read Mark 9 and analyze the context of the story.
- 2) **Discuss:** What do you find yourself doing in crisis instead of going to Jesus?
- 3) **Discuss:** In what ways do you identify with the man who both believes and has unbelief at the same time? What areas are you less prone to trust God with? (Finances, Health, Relationships...)
- 4) **Discuss:** What's the most important prayer you can pray for the lost? How would staying focused on this prayer help you in sharing the gospel when it's time?
- 5) **Discuss:** Share some things in your life that remind you of who Jesus is and what Jesus has done? If you don't need a devil cast out, what do you need from Jesus in your life right now?
- 6) **Discuss:** Can you think of a time when you were depending more on yourself than the Lord? What do you do to keep yourself in the presence of God?

c) Apply

- 1) **Consider:** What is the purpose of fasting? Why do fasting and prayer go together? What are some reasons not to fast?

d) Pray

- 1) **Silent Prayer:** Enter into a time of silence to allow God to speak to you in response to everything you discussed today. Listen for areas where He may be telling you He wants you to step out in obedience.
- 2) **Group Prayer:** After a time of silence, close out the study with a group prayer for God's help to pray.



Going Deeper

- 1) Start small, fast one meal and spend that time feasting in fellowship through prayer with the Lord.