

## THE FLOUNDERING DISCIPLES

Luke 9.37-50

After an awesome experience seeing Jesus transfigured up on the mountain, the disciples come back down to find things not going well. Luke pieces together a picture of the disciples at their worst. But there is good news here!

### FOUR KINGDOM TRAITS THAT THE DISCIPLES FAIL TO GRASP:

1. They lack **POWER**.

*"I begged your disciples to drive it out, but they could not." v40*

2. They lack **UNDERSTANDING** about God's Kingdom.

*But they did not understand what this meant. It was hidden from them, so that they did not grasp it, and they were afraid to ask him about it. v45*

3. They lack **HUMILITY**.

*An argument started among the disciples as to which of them would be the greatest. v46*

4. They lack **SYMPATHY**.

*"Master," said John, "we saw someone driving out demons in your name and we tried to stop him, because he is not one of us." v49*

## THERE IS GOOD NEWS HERE.

### HOW CAN WE AVOID FLOUNDERING AS DISCIPLES OF JESUS?

1. Jesus does not **DISMISS** the disciples but **CONTINUES TO WORK WITH THEM**.

*Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and he relents from sending calamity. Joel 2.13*

2. The **WORDS OF JESUS** put us on the right track.

*"Listen carefully to what I am about to tell you..." v44*

3. Jesus reminds us that **KINDNESS** and **COMPASSION** to the **UNDERSERVED** is one of the truest marks of one of his followers.

*Then he said to them, "Whoever welcomes this little child in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. For it is the one who is least among you all who is the greatest." v48*

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What is God saying to me?

What am I going to do about it?

Love God, Love Others, Learn Jesus, DO SOMETHING!

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