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**Warm up question:**

- Have you ever been taught an important lesson by a child? How did that make you feel?

**Read: Mark 9:14-29**

1. What gathers the crowd we meet in this passage? Why are the disciples arguing with the teachers?
2. How does Jesus react to the issue presented to him by the father in verse 18?
3. What is happening to the boy and how does Jesus make him whole?
4. What is your impression of the father's words in verse 24? How would you put it in your own words?
5. What does Jesus' healing technique tell us about his authority over evil?
6. What does this passage tell us about faith, healing, and prayer?
7. How might this passage speak into our faith and our doubts?

**Read: Mark 9:30-37**

8. Why did Jesus not want people to know where he was?
9. What does Jesus reveal in verses 31? Compare this to Mark 8:31-33.
10. Why are Jesus' friends embarrassed to tell him why they were arguing?
11. What is Jesus trying to show his friends about greatness in verses 36-37?
12. How does Jesus' understanding of greatness compare to the worlds?
13. How might this passage speak into the goals you have for your life?

**Rubber hits the road**

- How can we pray bold prayers and exercise child-like faith in the week ahead?

**PRAYER**

*Loving Lord Jesus, thank you that you came into our world, not to be served, but to serve. Help us to stop trying to become great by putting others down and by your grace help us to lift them up instead. Thank you for our family, friends, neighbours, and even our enemies. Help them all to come to you for forgiveness and eternal life. Thank you that you stand with loving arms, ready to welcome all into your kingdom, even those who others look down on. Jesus, please remember us, when you come into your kingdom. Amen.*

