

## Mark 9:14-29

# Discussion Questions

### Read Mark 9:14-29

1. Why did the disciples fail (cf. vv. 28-29)?
2. *“O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear, all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!”*

The Lord sometimes allows us to fail because we’re relying on ourselves rather than on Him.

- a. Can you think of specific times you feel this has happened in your own life?
- b. Why would Jesus do this?
3. How might we be tempted to rely on ourselves:
  - a. For our salvation?
  - b. For our sanctification i.e. fighting sin and becoming more like Christ?
  - c. When we face suffering?
  - d. As we serve Christ at home, at work, at church and in the wider world?
4. Why do we struggle to pray?
  - a. Think of 3-4 *practical* reasons.
  - b. Can you think of any *spiritual* reasons? (cf vv. 19 and 29)

### Prayer Idea

Verse 24 give us a model response to this passage: “I believe, help my unbelief.”

- Go around and each share something you are struggling to trust God about (if you feel comfortable!).
- Pray about these things together and ask Jesus to help you to trust him with them.