

A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study
Date: August 12, 2018
Mark 9:36-41

1. What happened last week, in verses 30-35?
 - a. Jesus had just come down from the mount of transfiguration and found the disciples and teachers of the law and crowd arguing.
 - b. Jesus told the disciples about his coming death.
 - c. The disciples didn't understand and were afraid to ask him about what he meant.
 - d. The disciples were too busy worrying about who was the greatest to stop and rethink what Jesus was telling them.
 - e. Jesus told his disciples that "anyone who wants to be first must be the very last and the servant of all."

2. What does Jesus do now, in verse 36?
 - a. He took a little child whom he placed among them.
 - b. He took the child in his arms.
 - c. He told them that "Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me."

3. Read Matthew 18:3. What is different about what Jesus says in this passage from what he says in our Mark text? _____

4. Are there other verses that come to mind when we read this? Look up the following verses and talk about the significance:
 - a. Matthew 19:13-14, Mark 10:13-16, and Luke 18:15-17. _____

 - b. Matthew 25:31-46. _____

5. What do the disciples tell Jesus next, according to 9:38?
 - a. There were people driving out demons in the name of Jesus.
 - b. The disciples had told these people to stop because they were not one of the disciples.

6. How does Jesus respond to this, according to 9:39-40?
 - a. Good job!
 - b. Do not stop them.
 - c. Anyone who is not against us is for us.

7. Why is Jesus's perspective so different from the disciples' perspective? _____

8. What perspective do we have? _____