

A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study
Date: August 19, 2018
Mark 9:42-50

1. Who are the “little ones” that Jesus is talking about in verse 42?
 - a. Probably the children that he was talking about in verses 36-37.
 - b. Um...the guys that were driving out demons in the name of Jesus?
 - c. This verse actually specifies “those who believe in me.”

2. What is Jesus talking about when he says “causes one of these...to stumble?” _____

3. What does Jesus say about those who cause people to stumble?
 - a. It’s no big deal.
 - b. It would be better for them if a large millstone were hung around their neck and they were thrown into the sea.

4. What do verses 43-48 mean?
 - a. Cut off body parts.
 - b. Your hand is pretty important, but not as important as your soul.
 - c. If there is anything in your life that seems to continually draw you into sin, it is wise to rid yourself completely (burn the boats) of the thing that could take you back.
 - d. If there are people in your life that draw you back into the life of sin in which you used to live, it is wise and perhaps necessary to cut ties with them...as hard as that might be.

5. Wait, where did verses 44 and 46 go? _____

6. What is Jesus trying to tell us in verses 49-50 (see also Matthew 5:13)?
 - a. This seems like a serious change of subjects.
 - b. I think that Jesus is trying to show us the difference between the impact that we are supposed to have on the world (seasoning it with salt) and the impact he is warning against (being a stumbling block).

7. Who should we be careful about impacting in this way? _____

