**ONLY BY PRAYER**

Mark 9:14-29 (key verse 29)

*“He replied, “This kind can come out only by prayer””*

1. When Jesus and his three disciples returned to the others from the mountain, what was happening (14-15)? What did Jesus ask (16)? Who responded to Jesus, and what was his response (17-18)? Why do you think the other disciples failed to drive out the demon this time (Mk 6:12-13[[1]](#footnote-2))?

2. What did Jesus grieve about concerning this generation (19)? Who does the **‘unbelieving generation’** refer to? What does **‘unbelieving’** mean? How did Jesus want to help the boy (19b)? What unexpected thing happened when Jesus offered to help the boy (20)

3. How did the father feel when he was talking about his son (21-22)? What can you say about his faith? What was the problem of the father? How did Jesus rebuke the father (23a)? What faith did Jesus plant in the father’s heart (23b)?

4. How did the man accept Jesus’ words (24)? How can we overcome unbelief? How did Jesus drive out the impure spirit from the boy (25-27)? What do you learn about Jesus in this healing?

5. After healing the boy, what did the disciples want to know and what motivated their question (28, 6:7[[2]](#footnote-3), 6:12-13)? Based on Jesus’ response, what was the secret of driving out evil spirits. like that which occupied the boy (29)? What can you learn about the relationship between spiritual power and prayer?

1. Mark 6:12-13: “12 They went out and preached that people should repent. 13 They drove out many demons and anointed many sick people with oil and healed them.” [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. Mark 6:7: “Calling the Twelve to him, he began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over impure spirits.” [↑](#footnote-ref-3)