

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Week 1: Anything Is Possible

SERIES OVERVIEW

Our 7 convictions are both Biblical and reveal the heart of who we are and what we do as a church. These convictions will shape and define our culture as we strive to accomplish our mission.

CONTEXT

In Matthew 17:14-20, Jesus heals a boy with a demon after His disciples were unable to do so. He emphasizes that anything is possible with faith, even faith as small as a mustard seed can move mountains.

THE BIG IDEA

ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE!

We believe our God is forever faithful and with him all things are possible (Matt. 19:26). Therefore, we will be a people of faith, refusing to dream small dreams or pray safe prayers. We will take risks, bank our lives on God's promises, and be confident in his ability to do abundantly more than we can ask or imagine (Eph. 3:20).

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 17:14-20

14 And when they came to the crowd, a man came up to him and, kneeling before him, 15 said, "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he has seizures and he suffers terribly. For often he falls into the fire, and often into the water. 16 And I brought him to your disciples, and they could not heal him." 17 And Jesus answered, "O faithless and twisted generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him here to me." 18 And Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him, and the boy was healed instantly. 19 Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?" 20 He said to them, "Because of your little faith. For truly, I say to you, if you have faith like a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move, and nothing will be impossible for you."

ICE BREAKER

Each person take a few minutes to share their story of finding Crosspoint City Church.

(How did you find us? How long have you been here? What made you stay? Who has been influential in your growth as a Christ follower?)

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GROUP DISCUSSION

Read THE BIG IDEA on page 1 above. As a group, brainstorm things that have happened and lives that have changed in our church that prove “with faith in God ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE.”

Read Matthew 17:14-20 as a group.

What is one thing that stood out to you from the sermon and why do you think God wants you to remember this truth?

What made the situation seem impossible in verses 14-16?

C.S. Lewis said, *“There are two equal and opposite errors into which our race can fall about the devils. One is to disbelieve in their existence. The other is to believe, and to feel an excessive and unhealthy interest in them.”*

Which side is more dangerous and do you tend to lean towards one side or the other? How does Ephesians 6:12 speak to this?

Pastor James talked about the fact that doubt can deepen your faith or destroy it. How does being honest with God and telling him your doubts deepen your faith? Share a time when confessing your doubts to God strengthened your faith.

What differences and additions stand out to you as Mark 9:14-29 tells the same story? One addition is Mark 9:24 when the father says, “I believe; help my unbelief!” Share a time when you honestly thought, “I believe, but I’m having a hard time believing right now!”

Discussion continued: What question did the disciples ask Jesus and what answer did Jesus give (vs 19-20)?

Pastor James shared that “Little Faith” in vs. 20 is referring to their quality of faith more than quantity of faith. How does the object of our faith grow impact our quality of faith and the size of our faith?

PRAYER (In gender based groups)

*Share praises, answered prayers, and prayer requests. Share 3 things you are grateful for.

Invite a couple who doesn't have a church home or needs community!



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