

In the Name of Jesus
Mark 9:38-41
September 26, 2021

1. The problem of self-centered exclusivism in Christian ministry (38)

2. Three truths that counter self-centered exclusivism (39-41)

a.) _____ (39)

b.) _____ (40)

c.) _____ (41)

Next in this series: Mark 9:42-50

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Discussion Questions

The following questions are designed to be used by parents in discussing the sermon with their children, but can be used by anyone in discussing the sermon with others:

1. What stood out to you in this sermon? Why?
2. Why did John try to stop the man from casting out demons in Jesus' name? What did Jesus say about this?
3. Who belongs to Christ (verse 41)?
4. If a church does not believe that Jesus is God, should we rejoice to see that church getting bigger? If a church has different beliefs than we do about baptism, and baptizes babies, should we rejoice to see that church reaching people with the gospel? If your answers for these questions are different, what makes the difference?

Going Deeper:

These questions are designed for the believer to use in prayer with his/her Lord, and in discussion with brothers and sisters in the Lord:

1. How did this sermon challenge your thinking, or grow your understanding?
2. If you had been in John's position, do you think you would have wanted to stop the man from casting out demons in Jesus' name? Explain.
3. Do you see self-centered exclusivism in how you relate to brethren in our church or in other churches? Explain.
4. What is the difference between John's attitude in verse 38, and a godly zeal for the purity of the church?
5. Explain the three truths Christ gives in verses 39-41 that counter self-centered exclusivism. Pick one of these three truths and explain how it applies to our lives.
6. How could this passage be misapplied? How can we follow Christ's teaching in this passage, while at the same time avoiding this misapplication?
7. How should this passage affect the ways you relate to others in the church? Be as specific as possible.