

Down from the Mountain

Passage: Luke 9:37-45 | From the series: *Luke*

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Discussion Questions:

1. The disciples had already experienced success in ministry (Luke 9:1–10), yet they were unable to help this boy. What do you think this failure revealed about their relationship with Jesus? What might it reveal about our own tendency toward self-reliance?
2. The sermon suggested that "we never graduate from dependence; we grow in dependence." Where do you most struggle to depend on Jesus—in your work, family, ministry, relationships, or another area? What would greater dependence look like there?
3. Immediately after demonstrating his divine power, Jesus tells the disciples that he will be handed over to his enemies. Why do you think Jesus wanted them to hold these two truths together—his power and his coming suffering?
4. Verse 45 says the disciples didn't understand Jesus' words and were afraid to ask him about them. How do you typically respond when God seems confusing or his plans don't make sense? What helps you continue trusting him in seasons of uncertainty?
5. This passage calls us to trust Jesus both when we feel powerless and when we don't understand what he's doing. Which of those is more challenging for you right now? How can your group pray for you this week as you seek to follow him with greater dependence?