

RL GROUPS

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Mark 9:38-50 (NIV)

³⁸ “Teacher,” said John, “we saw someone driving out demons in your name and we told him to stop, because he was not one of us.”

³⁹ “Do not stop him,” Jesus said. “For no one who does a miracle in my name can in the next moment say anything bad about me, ⁴⁰ for whoever is not against us is for us. ⁴¹ Truly I tell you, anyone who gives you a cup of water in my name because you belong to the Messiah will certainly not lose their reward.

⁴² “If anyone causes one of these little ones—those who believe in me—to stumble, it would be better for them if a large millstone were hung around their neck and they were thrown into the sea. ⁴³ If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life maimed than with two hands to go into hell, where the fire never goes out. ⁴⁵ And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. ⁴⁷ And if your eye causes you to stumble, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸ where

“‘the worms that eat them do not die,
and the fire is not quenched.’

⁴⁹ Everyone will be salted with fire.

⁵⁰ “Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can you make it salty again? Have salt among yourselves, and be at peace with each other.”



Questions for Discussion

1. Have you ever gotten lost while traveling? What was the situation? What did you do?
2. Have you ever had to leave something behind during a move? How did you make that decision? Was it hard or easy for you to do?
3. Have you ever had a sense that God was asking you to leave something behind or change directions for your life? How did you respond?
4. Why is forgiveness between believers so important to Jesus? From your experience, have you observed that it's easy or difficult for Christians to seek peace with each other? Why do you think that is?
5. What is a “next step” you can take toward forgiving someone? Consider choosing one person in your small group who can help keep you accountable to this “next step” this week.

As you close your time together, have each person share a word that represents a person they need to make peace with in their life and lift those words up to God during a time of prayer.