

LUKE 9:37-45 *Jesus Heals a Demonized Boy*

INTRODUCTION

Returning from the mountain where the disciples witness the transfiguration, they are confronted with the continued needs of people suffering from the effects of sin in a broken world. Jesus foretells His death, a stark and grim contrast to their recent, heartening experience of witnessing God the Father affirm Jesus on the mountain.

DISCUSSION

Why is the cross considered scandalous?

EXPLANATION

- With what does Jesus express his frustration?
- What were the people marveling at?
- What did they fail to understand? Why didn't they understand?

APPLICATION

- How would it feel to see your son afflicted like this boy?
- How does God relate to the feeling of this father?
- Where in your life are you failing to recognize the scandal of the cross?
- Pray for understanding as God reveals himself through His word.
- Pray for those you know who do not understand the truth of God's word.