

# Living Connections Bible Study

## Moonstruck



### Prayer

**Text:** Mark 9:14-29

**Icebreaker:** Describe a mountain top experience in your life when God felt very close ...you were experiencing victory ...when you were greatly encouraged spiritually ...your prayers were answered ...God's Word was being taught in a way you could understand it ...etc.

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1. Who left His glory in Heaven to redeem mankind, and Who led His disciples from their mountain top experience back to the valley below?  
Philippians 2:5-8; John 1:14; Luke 19:10; Mark 9:9

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2. Why isn't it possible to live on the *mountain top*, and why is it necessary to return to the valley to live in the work-a-day-world? Mark 9:5-6; Mark 16:15; Matthew 10:16

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3. What were some of the problems Jesus encountered when He returned to the valley? And how were these things a reflection on the needs of humanity today?  
Mark 9:14-20

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4. Why should Jesus' disciples have been able to pray and get deliverance for this demon possessed boy? Matthew 10:1; 17:14-16

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5. What were the symptoms of this boy and how did the demonic spirit take advantage of the boy's epilepsy to try to kill him? Mark 9:17-18, 22; Luke 9:39; 1 Peter 5:8

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6. Why would Jesus call the crowd a *faithless and perverse generation*? Mark 9:19; Matthew 17:17; Psalm 95:10

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7. How must our Lord feel when He sees powerlessness, defeat, compromise, and unbelief in the lives of believers? Mark 9:18b Ephesian 4:17-32

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8. What should be the cry of every parent if their children have been taken captive by the devil? Mark 9:22

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9. What is the key that opens the door for God to work in our lives?  
Mark 9:23; Hebrews 11:6

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10. What great prayer did this father make to Jesus? Mark 9:24

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11. Did Jesus answer the father's cry of faith for his son's deliverance? Mark 9:25-27

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12. Why weren't the disciples able to cast the evil spirit out of the boy?  
Matthew 17:20-21; Mark 9:28-29; Isaiah 58:6-9

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13. How much faith did Jesus say is required for God to answer our prayers, and what does this teach us about faith? Matthew 17:20

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**Think about it this week:**

You are writing a gospel, a chapter each day,  
By the deeds that you do, and the words that you say;  
Men read what you write, distorted or true,

Say, What is the gospel according to you?