



## SMALL GROUP CURRICULUM

FOR THE SERMON PREACHED: July 2, 2017

PASSAGE: Mark 9:42-50

### How To Get The Most Out Of Your Relationship With Jesus (part two)

1. Read Mark 9:42–50. Make note of every reference to hell, and jot down the descriptions of it. What details do you learn? If verse 49 includes unbelievers how will this be applied to them? Who are the “little ones”, why are they called by that name and how does verse 49 apply to them?

a) What are the three body parts Jesus says to get rid of? What is distinct about each part? According to Mark 7:20-23 how do we take this kind of extreme action? Think specifically of what you need to cut off or tear out (As you do consider your relationships as verse 50b says to be at peace with one another)? How can you ensure real lasting change will take place?

b) Salted with fire was a reference not only to suffering but also to sacrifice. Note: The burnt offering was an animal sacrifice God required for the atonement of sin. The grain offering was presented after atonement was made, it was served with salt, and was probably the offering in mind in Mark 9:49. It's purpose was to worship God and acknowledge His provision.

Read Romans 12:1-2. How does this change your understanding of Mark 9:49-50? How does this change your understanding of suffering? List 5 reasons you are thankful for suffering and/or areas you have cut off or tore out of your life.

2. How is Hell described in the following passages and who is there?

Note: Revelation 21 speaks of a the new heaven and the new earth, and in the same way there will a renovation of sorts to hell where Satan and his demons will go to be punished along with the unsaved.

Read: Matthew 25:41,46, Luke 16:25-28, Revelation 20:10,15 and 21:5-8.

a. Looking back to Mark 9, what must be the primary motivation for cutting off, tearing out, and suffering for Christ? Consider your peers, children, spouse, etc. what specific detail of your relationship with Christ can you share of why you are guaranteed freedom from Hell or why you are motivated to live for Him (ie. your faith in his character, obedience, sacrifice, resurrection)?

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