# The Healing of a Boy With an Evil Spirit - Luke 9:37-45

Topics: Believe, Children, Demons, Evil, Fear, Healing, Listening, Miracles, Parents, Unbelievers

### Open It

- 1. What is it like to feel that you're not in control of your body?
- 2. What do people today think about demon possession?
- \* 3. What are typical first reactions to things we don't understand?

#### **Explore It**

- 4. What did Jesus and His disciples encounter when they came down from the mountain? (9:37)
- 5. Why did the man ask Jesus to look at his son? (9:38)
- 6. What had been happening to the boy? (9:39)
- \* 7. What had the father tried to no avail? (9:40)
- \* 8. To what did Jesus attribute the disciples' failure to heal the boy? (9:41)
  - 9. What happened to the boy while he was being brought to Jesus? (9:42)
  - 10. What three things did Jesus do? (9:42)
  - 11. What was the crowd's reactions to what they saw? (9:43)
  - 12. How did Jesus respond to the people's admiration? (9:43-44)
  - 13. What did Jesus predict about Himself? (9:44)
- \* 14. How much did the disciples understand of what Jesus told them? (9:45)
  - 15. What was the disciples' overriding emotion at the time? (9:45)

#### Get It

- 16. What must life have been like for the father and son Jesus met?
- \* 17. What is the connection in this story between belief and healing?
  - 18. What is the connection between belief and healing in our lives today?
  - 19. How would you contrast the people's belief in God's working through the disciples and through Jesus?
  - 20. What similarities to this story do you see in the way people approach belief today?
  - 21. Why would Jesus speak to His disciples about being betrayed instead of preaching to the crowd about the miracle they had just seen?
- \* 22. What could have kept understanding hidden from the disciples?
  - 23. What clouds our understanding of Jesus?
  - 24. What can we do when we are confused or uncertain about God?

## **Apply It**

- 25. What area of unbelief do you want to talk with God about this week?
- \* 26. For those aspects of Jesus that you still don't understand, what is one step you can take to learn more?