

Jesus and The Disciples

Luke 9:37-50

Introduction- God knows how to balance our lives. Our text takes us from the mountain of glory to the valley of darkness. We can't stay on the mountain, we must learn to grow as we go through the valleys. Luke brings together four short incidents that reveal some areas the disciples need to grow in.

I. They Needed to Grow in Faith, vv. 37-43a

1. A distraught father.
2. A desperate dark world.
3. A defeated church.
4. A divine solution.

II. They Needed to Grow in Understanding, vv. 43b-45

Why did they not understand?

1. They were too self-absorbed.
2. They had just seen the Lord's glory on the mountain and His power in the valley. They lapsed back into popular thinking of the Messiah as a popular hero.

Let the scripture shape your thinking, not the views of the day!

III. They Needed to Grow in Humility, vv. 46-48

1. Their argument was appalling (v 46).
2. Jesus gives an object lesson (vv. 47-48).

IV. They Needed to Grow in Tolerance, vv. 49-50

This incident seems to illustrate the behavior Jesus just told the disciples to avoid. Jesus is forbidding Sectarianism.

- **Are you growing in faith?**
- **Are you growing in understanding?**
- **Are you growing in humility?**
- **Are you tolerant?**