



### QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION (pg1)

What questions do you ask of people you are meeting for the very first time?

What is the most thought provoking question you were asked recently?

What's the dumbest argument you've ever had with someone?

What were the disciples arguing about according to Mark 9:34? What is your opinion of the fact they argued over that?

Read Mark 9:1-37. What do you think provoked the argument among them?

We know from Luke 9:47 that Jesus already knew what the disciples were arguing about. Why then, do you think he asked them, "What were arguing about?" What can we learn from how Jesus addressed this issue?

Read Mark 9:35-37. What was Jesus teaching his disciples by his statement and object lesson?



### **QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION (pg2)**

In your opinion, what are some issues that Christians should argue over?  
Can you think of scriptures to support your opinion?

In your opinion, what are issues that Christians are currently arguing about that should stop? Can you think of scriptures that support your opinion?

Do you believe how we argue matters? Why?

Consider each point & verses found in the outline and ask the following questions of the group:

1. How are you encouraged by this?
  2. How does this challenge you personally?
  3. In what ways do you disagree?
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### **Guide - QUESTIONS JESUS ASKED 2: What were you arguing about?**

#### **Mark 9:33**

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The gospels record Jesus asking 307 questions. In contrast, he is only asked 183 questions. And, depending on which scholar you ask, Jesus only directly answered 3, or 8 of those.

The first words of Jesus recorded in the gospels is a question posed to his parents who are frantically searching for him as a preteen. After discovering he is MIA as they travel, they find him at the Temple teaching grown and sophisticated adults. When they express their anxiety to about having “lost” him, he replies with two back-to-back questions (Lu 2:49): (1) “Why were you searching for me?” And, (2) “Didn’t you know I had to be in my Father’s house?” Far at the other end of his life, Jesus’ final words on the cross also posed a question, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? (Matt 27:46).

Perhaps then, in considering our personal discipleship we should focus a little less on having the right answers, and a little more on asking the right questions. What do you think?

#### **OUTLINE & SCRIPTURES**

##### **Context of “What were you arguing about?”**

Mark 9:1-37

- 1. According to Jesus, greatness is characterized by servanthood.**  
Mark 9:35
- 2. Jesus associated himself with the least likely to be served.**  
Mark 9:36-37
- 3. Jesus declared servanthood to a core value of his mission.**  
Mark 10:45

*The real test of being in the presence of God is, that you either forget about yourself altogether or see yourself as a small, dirty object. It is better to forget about yourself altogether.*

CS Lewis