

## **YPG III**

**28 April 2018**

Theme: Discipleship

Title: "The Need for Faith in Ministry"

Text: Mark 9: 14 – 29

### **FAITH IS NEEDED IN THE CONTEXT OF LIFE AND MINISTRY**

1. Faith is needed to cope with the challenges of life
2. Faith is also needed in the context of ministry
  - a. The disciples of the Lord Jesus will one day carry on with His work (cf. John 14: 12 – 14)
  - b. They needed to cultivate faith to be able to do so!

### **FAILURE IN MINISTRY BECAUSE OF UNBELIEF**

1. The ministry challenge
  - a. A father whose son has an unclean spirit approached the disciples for help
  - b. The disciples failed to cast out the demon
  - c. This drew unwanted attention
    - i. The scribes came to dispute
    - ii. The great multitude came to watch
2. Reasons for failure
  - a. Faithlessness (Mark 9: 19)
  - b. Unbelief (cf. Matthew 17: 20)
3. What unbelief translates to
  - a. Lack of strength (Mark 9: 18)
  - b. Lack of ability and power (Mark 9: 28)
  - c. Weakness in our prayer life (Mark 9: 29)
  - d. ...ultimately, it leads to failure!

## **THE CHALLENGE TO OVERCOME UNBELIEF**

“Lord, I believe, help my unbelief!” (Mark 9: 24)

1. Recognition of the problem of unbelief
2. Repentance
  - a. Contrition (“Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears...” Mark 9: 24)
  - b. Seeking the Lord for help against unbelief
3. Revival
  - a. Returning to the Lord
  - b. Exercising faith yet again!