SERMON REFLECTION QUESTIONS – November 8, 2026

Sermon Series:	**Servant King: Studying the Life of Jesus**
Title:	**"Stay Salty"**
Scripture:	**Primary Scripture: Mark 9:30-50; 1 Corinthians 10:13**
Preacher:	**Pastor Glyn Norman**

Theme/Concept: In Mark 9, Jesus places a child in the center of his disciples and declares that welcoming a child is welcoming Him, a radical reminder that God works powerfully through young people in ways adults often overlook. Just as Jesus elevated the faith and presence of the young, we want to create space for our youth to stand at the center and share what God has been doing in and through them. The Lord also desires that we mature and consistently grow in our faith.

Icebreaker: If in a group, share a moment or two when someone made space for you. What were the circumstances? When have you welcomed someone in a gathering of people?

Reflections on the Sermon: What caught your attention in Pastor Glyn's sermon? What will you remember and seek to apply in the days to come?

Scripture Passage:

Mark 9-30-50: **Jesus Predicts His Death a Second Time**

30 They left that place and passed through Galilee. Jesus did not want anyone to know
where they were, **31** because he was teaching his disciples. He said to them, "The Son of
Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men. They will kill him, and after three
days he will rise." **32** But they did not understand what he meant and were afraid to ask
him about it.

33 They came to Capernaum. When he was in the house, he asked them, "What were
you arguing about on the road?" **34** But they kept quiet because on the way they had
argued about who was the greatest.

35 Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, “Anyone who wants to be first must be
the very last, and the servant of all.”

36 He took a little child whom he placed among them. Taking the child in his arms, he
said to them, 37 “Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes
me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me.”

Whoever Is Not Against Us Is for Us

38 “Teacher,” said John, “we saw someone driving out demons in your name and we told
him to stop, because he was not one of us.”

39 “Do not stop him,” Jesus said. “For no one who does a miracle in my name can in the
next moment say anything bad about me, 40 for whoever is not against us is for us. 41
Truly I tell you, anyone who gives you a cup of water in my name because you belong to
the Messiah will certainly not lose their reward.

Causing to Stumble

42 “If anyone causes one of these little ones—those who believe in me—to stumble, it
would be better for them if a large millstone were hung around their neck and they
were thrown into the sea. 43 If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off. It is better for
you to enter life maimed than with two hands to go into hell, where the fire never goes
out. [44] [a] 45 And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off. It is better for you to enter
life crippled than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. [46] [b] 47 And if your eye
causes you to stumble, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with
one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell, 48 where

> “‘the worms that eat them do not die,
> and the fire is not quenched.’[c]

49 Everyone will be salted with fire.

50 “Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can you make it salty again? Have salt
among yourselves, and be at peace with each other.”

1 Corinthians 10:13: 13 No temptation[a] has overtaken you except what is common to
mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted[b] beyond what you can
bear. But when you are tempted,[c] he will also provide a way out so that you can
endure it.

Reviewing the Scripture: Note: **Bolded** questions are suggested for small groups that have time constraints.

1. **Give a summary of what took place in verses 30 - 34 after Jesus and his disciples left the region where they had been ministering.**

2. **How did Jesus turn the disciples' discussions and arguments into a teaching moment in verses 35 - 37? What did the Lord Jesus desire for his followers to learn about humility and a sense of greatness?**

3. What lesson did Jesus provide the disciples in 9: 38 - 42 regarding other followers? How did John address Jesus?

4. **Verses 43 - 49 contain further teaching for the disciples. What illustrations did Jesus use to instruct his followers about the Kingdom of God, faithfulness and humility in life?**

5. **What was Jesus' concern in verse 50, the closing of this passage? How were the disciples to apply these words in ministry and in their days to come? What can we learn about "seasoning with salt" as an application here?**

6. **How do we see the faithfulness of God in 1 Corinthians 10:13 regarding temptations and sin in our life?**

Going Deeper:

1. **What do you believe are the marks of maturity in the life of a Christian? What behaviors did Jesus address in this passage with the disciples regarding life in community?**

2. **How can we apply Jesus' teaching in this passage to our behaviors today? What does it mean to be a servant in our realm of influence and to be welcoming?**

3. Who are the little ones in our society?

4. **How can people cause others to sin? What jealousies and power struggles do you see around you?**

5. **What should be our attitude toward sin? How can we apply Jesus' teachings and the figurative language found in Verses 42 - 49, into our daily lives, in order to avoid sin (hands, feet, eyes) ?**

6. What can we do in the Body of Christ to create, and keep, peace among believers?

Closing Prayer:

Our Dear Heavenly Father, We praise You for Your sovereignty in our lives. Thank You for providing a Savior for us, the Lord Jesus, our Redeemer and Teacher. We are thankful for this lesson on humility, grace and the need for forgiveness of sin. You have provided a way, Lord, to live mature and welcoming lives. Give us loving hearts, teachable attitudes and the willingness to serve You and the people around us.

Personal Reflection Questions:

1. What is one practical way that you can serve another person this week? What steps could you take?

2. How can you ensure that you are serving in Christ's name, not allowing wrong motives to take away glory that belongs to God?

Service Opportunities:

- Participate in the Holiday Food Drive as we partner with our local schools to help families and our local ministry partners; get a bag and a shopping list Sunday on the church patio; return filled bags by November 15.

- World Relief Thanksgiving at the Border: Thursday, November 26th at 10:45AM-8PM. Serve meals to about 100 migrants and lead craft activities for children. This family - friendly opportunity is limited to 10 participants. Contact Janet Hendry (gscotthendry@aol.com.

- Friends for Dinner - Thanksgiving: Register before Thursday, November 19th. Bridges International invites Trinity families to host an international student from UCI and CSUF to share the joy of the holiday season. Contact Laura (laura@tupcsa.org).