

Sermon Discussion Guide

March 29, 2020

Speechless

Mark 7:31-37

Responses & Reactions

- What disturbed you, challenged you, or intrigued you in this week's message?

Digging Deeper

- Try the imagination exercise we did on Sunday again with your group, this time using Mark 9:14-29. Read the Scripture passage three times.
 - (1) The first just listen and then share your observations or questions.
 - (2) The second time as you're listening imagine yourself in the place of the disciples. What you would be thinking? What would you be experiencing?
 - (3) The third time imagine yourself as the father of the suffering child. What emotions would you be moving through? How might this whole experience shape your perception of the world?

Bringing it Home

- Are there ever times when you find prayer difficult? What do you do in those circumstances?
- What do you think the actions of Jesus in Mark 7:31-37 reveal about God and God's character?
- What do you think of the idea of prayer not as words but as active attending to God? How does the kind of "wordless prayer" that Meghan described strike you? Is it exciting? Relieving? Intimidating?