

***“WHO DO THEY/WE THINK THEY/WE ARE?”***

**Mark 9:38-41**

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**I. How does pride pop-up in the lives of the disciples, again? (v. 38)**

*“John said to him, ‘Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name...”*

**Acts 19:**

*“... and we tried to stop him...”*

*“because he was not following us.”*

**Numbers 11:**

**Pride makes salvation about our \_\_\_\_\_ instead of about \_\_\_\_\_.**

**John 14:6**

**Acts 4:12; 19:14-15**

*“His action was an effective witness to the imminent Kingdom of God.” William Lane*

*“He had manifested a deep-seated ‘them-and-us’ mentality because he was anxious to safeguard his own role. His real concern had not been for Christ’s honor and kingdom.” Sinclair Ferguson*

**II. Does Jesus affirm them? Or does He affirm the lone exorcist? (vv. 39-40)**

*“Do not stop him”*

*“no one who does a mighty work in my name will be able ... to speak evil of me”.*

*“For the one who is not against us in for us.”*

Jesus affirms ministries that \_\_\_\_\_ sinners in His \_\_\_\_\_.

**Matthew 12:30**  
**1 Corinthians 12:3**

**III. If it's about Jesus, do we matter to Him? (v. 41)**

*"whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ"*

*"... will by no means lose his reward."*

Jesus affirms the value of those \_\_\_\_\_ to Him.

**Genesis 12:3**  
**Matthew 25:40**  
**Acts 9:4**  
**1 Corinthians 6:19-20**

*"True servant "There is only faith and obedience, shown in devotion to Jesus, and wherever these qualities exist they call forth the approval of God." -William Lane*

**BIG IDEA:** Our \_\_\_\_\_ comes from \_\_\_\_\_, not ourselves.