

Sunday Sermon Questions • 5/4/2025

Mark 9:42–50

The Weight of Our Influence

Jesus uses shocking language when talking about causing others to stumble. Why do you think He chooses such extreme imagery, and what does this tell us about how seriously He views our influence on others, especially younger or newer believers?

Owning Our Impact

The sermon emphasized that pride and careless behavior can cause others to fall. In what ways might your words, actions, or example be either encouraging someone in their faith—or becoming a stumbling block?

Radical Steps Toward Holiness

Jesus calls for cutting off anything that causes us to sin—not literally, but radically. What areas of your life (habits, entertainment, relationships, attitudes) might need to be addressed or removed to pursue holiness more fully?

Parenting with Humility

We heard that great parenting isn't about perfection but about humility and repentance. How does this truth challenge or encourage you in your role at home, and how might asking for forgiveness strengthen your relationships with your children or family?

Staying Salty in a Contaminated World

Jesus ends this passage by warning about losing our "saltiness" and being contaminated by the world. What helps you remain spiritually sharp and preserved? Are there areas where your faith has grown dull or ineffective?

Prayer Prompt:

Lord, help me take seriously the responsibility I have to reflect You well. Show me where I may be causing others—or myself—to stumble. Give me the humility to admit when I've been wrong and the courage to make real changes. Purify my heart, sharpen my faith, and help me to live in a way that preserves truth, points others to You, and brings peace among those around me. Amen.