

Mark 9:38-50

- Perhaps feeling a bit guilty about arguing over who is the greatest last week, Our Gospel text begins this morning with a confession from John:
“Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.”(vs 38)
- **On our way to follow Christ, we still trip ourselves up!**
 - We have a way of confusing the quarterback with the coach!
 - The disciples of Jesus are looking to protect the exclusivity of their status.
 - Our nearsightedness ensures that the Gospel looks like us!
 - We shouldn’t be surprised when the big picture God has isn’t ours!
 - ‘Who are we leading people to follow?’ shows a lot about who leads us!
 - Our brokenness becomes a place that God shows His works of redemption!
- **In the midst of rewriting Israel’s story, God pulls the Great Reversal!**
 - The Gospel upends the exclusivity of who belongs and who doesn’t...
...and places our identity in the Body of Christ instead of our own.
 - Keeping our focus forward is a full-time task, we don’t need to worry about what’s happening in the backfield, just trust that its in our best interest!
 - The power of Christ’s name is in the unexpected ways that HE works!
- **The Great Reversal has changed the outcome for our eternity!**
 - **Acts of Service:** _____

 - **Intentional Discipleship:** _____

 - **Invitations to worship:** _____



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