

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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The Gospel of Luke: Imperfection in Imitation

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Passage: Luke 9:37–50

1. Read **Luke 9:37–43a**. Why did Jesus, in context, refer to those around Him as an “unbelieving and perverse generation” (**verse 41**)? Consult **Luke 9:1–2, 6**. What were His disciples still lacking? Consult **Matthew 17:19–20**. What are some areas of your life in which you are still lacking faith? Consult **Luke 17:5–6**; **Hebrews 11:1, 6**; **James 1:5–8**.

2) Read **Luke 9:43b–45**. How did Jesus’ words in **verse 44** reveal an ongoing lack of understanding on the part of His disciples? What contextual clues highlight the fact that the responsibility for the disciples’ ignorance rested with them alone? Consult **Luke 9:20–22, 45c**; **Luke 19:41–44**.

3) Read **Luke 9:46–48**. Considering what they had just seen (**Luke 9:32, 37**), and considering that this would be a repeated source of debate and discussion for them (**Luke 22:24–27**), what does this scene reveal about the disciples’ ongoing struggle with pride? Why do we, as Jesus’ followers today, need to continually make war on the sin of pride? Consult **Proverbs 11:2; 16:18**; **James 4:6; 1 Peter 5:5–6**.

4) Read **Luke 9:49–50**. Why was John in the wrong here? In what ways are you tempted to find fault with genuine believers who may not “fit the mold” of your expectations of what Christ-following ought to look like? How do Jesus’ words in **verse 50** provide a needed corrective?