



Sermon Discussion Guide

March 16 & 17, 2024

"Earth Flipper"

[Mark 9:35-37](#)

During Lent this year, we'll be going through a sermon series called "The Heart of God." In order for us to understand what it means to be a "Church After God's Own Heart" we need to look at God's heart. Join us each week as we dig into the character of God and get to know him better, so we can love others better.

PRAY & CONNECT

Open in prayer and invite the Holy Spirit into your conversation. Ask God for wisdom and discernment and trust him to guide you. Take time to recap the message or view it on [HopeOnline.tv](#). Did you have any "ah-ha" moments where you felt convicted, compelled, or inspired during the sermon? What's been on your mind this week? Have you been able to apply the message to your everyday life?

GROW

Read [Mark 9:35-37](#) - "Jesus Predicts His Death a Second Time"

- What does it mean for the first to be last? What is Jesus saying about his coming Kingdom? What does it look like to be the "greatest?" What have been the major events throughout your lifetime? Where has God been in all of those significant times? How can you look back and see how God has been guiding you the whole time? Where was he in the tough times? Where was he in the good times? When is it easiest to sense his presence? What does it look like to live as if Christ is beside, before, behind, in, beneath, and above you as St. Patrick said?

Read [Matthew 5:11-12](#) - "The Beatitudes"

- What does it mean to be blessed? How is Jesus saying some pretty surprising things here? What does it say about his Kingdom? How do we experience it in its fullest? How is this Kingdom upside down?

Read [Mark 4:20](#) - "A Lamp on a Stand"

- Where would you put yourself on the Hope circle of spiritual growth? What is the point of that circle? What does Jesus say about growing in your faith? Are you growing? What would it look like to take a next step in your faith?



APPLY

Pray about where God is leading you to go next. Is there somewhere or something you can start doing new to grow in your faith? Take a new class, join a group, serve with a mission partner, pick up a new spiritual discipline. Choose something today that will help you take the next step in your faith.