**Small Group Questions – Luke 9:37-45**

1. What makes Luke’s placement of this story righ after the mount of transfiguration (9:28-36) so significant? What should we take away from this as we carry on following after Jesus?
2. God’s endorsement of Jesus on the mount of transfiguration reinforced Jesus’ trustworthiness, and his healing of the demon possessed boy confirmed Jesus’ power, even over the devil. Why then are we, like the disciples, often so slow to trust in Jesus power when taking our stand against sin and Satan?
3. What are some practical things we can do to improve our ability and willingness to listen to Jesus, where listening means trusting AND obeying? How can we as a church encourage one another to do the same?
4. Jesus calls the disciples and crowd an *“unbelieving and perverse generation”* because they failed to put their trust in God, and in him. What does Jesus’ willingness to heal the boy none-the-less remind us about Jesus, and how should that help us in the face of our own failures to *“listen to him”*?
5. Luke’s inclusion of Jesus’ prediction of his betrayal (9:44-45) immediately after this miracle is intentional. Jesus makes it clear that the path to glory with him comes at great personal cost. (see also 9:57-62)
6. How does remembering this better prepare us for a life-long journey with Jesus? How might failing to accept the role that suffering plays in following Jesus actually weaken our faith in the long run?
7. Even if, like the disciples, we do not immediately understand how suffering fits into God’s purpose for us, how does this miracle story better prepare us to meet whatever hardships we may face in life?