

- b. Read verse 6 again. Though the motives of these folks were undeniably self-centered, their abilities were obviously astounding. In light of that, what lessons can we glean from verse 6 about how God might use gifted people whose hearts are actually surrendered to Him?
2. This past Sunday we talked about how the impossible becomes possible with God. Jesus clearly said, *"all things are possible for the one who believes."* The following verses shed further insight into what that means. What parameters, if any, come to light from these scriptures? Read them one by one and share your thoughts with the group.
- a. Ephesians 3:20-21.
 - b. 1 Corinthians 2:9-10.
 - c. Romans 12:17-18.
 - d. Hebrews 11:6.
 - e. Mark 14:35-36.
 - f. Which of these verses resonate with you the most?

Personal reflection and application.

- 1. Have everyone share one thing someone else said that stood out to them from this discussion.
- 2. Take a few moments to pray for one another. If possible, break up men and women into separate groups.

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"imPOSSIBLE"
Pastor Kyle Bonenberger

» **THE TEXT:** Matthew 17:14-21 NLT

¹⁴At the foot of the mountain, a large crowd was waiting for them. A man came and knelt before Jesus and said, ¹⁵"Lord, have mercy on my son. He has seizures and suffers terribly. He often falls into the fire or into the water. ¹⁶So I brought him to your disciples, but they couldn't heal him."

¹⁷Jesus said, "You faithless and corrupt people! How long must I be with you? How long must I put up with you? Bring the boy here to me." ¹⁸Then Jesus rebuked the demon in the boy, and it left him. From that moment the boy was well.

¹⁹Afterward the disciples asked Jesus privately, "Why couldn't we cast out that demon?"

²⁰"You don't have enough faith," Jesus told them. "I tell you the truth, if you had faith even as small as a mustard seed, you could say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it would move. Nothing would be impossible."

» **Three insights everyone needs to know about how the impossible becomes possible with God.**

| Matthew 19:26 | Mark 9:29, 10:23-27 | Luke 1:37, 18:27 | Hebrews 11:6 |

- Possible (almost) always involves a _____ and potentially painful _____.
- Possible does not always mean "_____."
- The impossible becomes possible _____ act of _____ to God at a _____.

Small Group Questions

Getting to know you.

1. Welcome to your first Small Group session for fall 2021. It is not an accident that God placed you in this group, with these people, at this time. Go around and have everyone share their name, how they heard about City Church (or how long they've been coming), and something about themselves.
2. Take a minute to read City Church's "Top 10" guidelines for Small Groups.

What do you think?

What struck a chord with you from Sunday's service?

The story of your life.

1. How do you respond internally when someone else proposes something new that you know will be challenging?
2. Tell about a time in your life when you accomplished something you weren't sure you could do (or perhaps that even seemed impossible). What did you learn about God and about yourself from that experience?

Digging deeper.

1. Today we will read the story of the Tower of Babel through the lens of how God uses people to accomplish seemingly impossible tasks. Read Genesis 11:1-9 and have a few group members recap the story in their own words.
 - a. What does this story tell us about God? People? You?