

# DISCUSSION GUIDE

## *How to Move Mountains*

The Gospel of Mark - Week 54

**ICEBREAKER:** What's your favorite season of the year? Why?

**OVERVIEW:** In life we will all face mountains (really big problems and challenges). It could be a tough subject in school, a bully at work, unemployment, a rebellious child, a dysfunctional marriage, etc. But the Bible says that mountains can be overcome. In fact, mountains can be moved! The key is prayer. In this discussion we will go deeper with how to pray prayers that can move mountains.

1. **Read Mark 11:20-26.** What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain. (Or what was your key takeaway from Sunday's message?)
2. Refer to Mark 11:23. Does this verse mean that you can simply walk around barking orders, and if you have faith, it will happen? Explain.
3. Refer to verse 23 again. If you can simply move mountains by the command of your mouth, does that mean that prayer is unnecessary? Explain.
4. Verse 23 says to command the mountain to move, and verse 24 says to pray for the mountain to move. Which is it? Explain.

5. The key to understanding a passage of Scripture is context. Read it in the context of the paragraph, chapter, book, and entire Bible. How does **1 John 5:14-15** shed light on the meaning of Mark 11:23-24?
6. How does **Mark 14:36** shed light on the meaning of Mark 11:23-24?
7. How does **John 14:12-14** shed light on the meaning of Mark 11:23-24?
8. Refer to Mark 11:25-26. Why is forgiving others a requirement for effective prayer?
9. What are the biggest challenges that you have had to face in life, and did prayer help you? Explain.
10. What mountains are you currently facing in your life? As we close in prayer, let's pray for the mountains in each other's lives.

**The Last Word:** When you pray remember three things: First, God is in charge, not us. Second, God will not answer prayers that are against His will. Third, we don't always know God's will.