

# Home Group Discussion Guide

## Not One Of Us – Mark 9:38-41

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*The following questions are designed to help groups explore the message above by challenging participants to consider how God is wanting them to apply it to their lives.*

*The questions are a **guide** to help lead discussion.*

**Please don't feel that all questions need to be asked**, instead respond to the needs of your group. If you have new people in your group, take the opportunity to introduce each other and clarify any expectations that are present in your group (such as confidentiality).

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### GETTING STARTED

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1. Can you think of a situation in which you thought you were special (exclusive/different), only to disappoint? What happened?
2. What was the main challenge or idea that stood out to you from the message on Sunday?

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### REFLECTING ON THE MESSAGE

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**Key Scripture: Mark 9:38-41; Philippians 1:15-18; Matthew 12:30-32; Acts 19:13-16**

*(Read Mark 9:38-41)*

1. What do you notice about this text? What stands out?
2. John's words speak to seeking to build an empire, instead of God's Kingdom. What is the difference between building God's Kingdom and building worldly empires?
  - a. Where do you see worldly empires being build amongst Christians?
  - b. What is the fruit of these empires?
3. What does the fruit of building God's Kingdom look like?
4. How does choosing to look at fruit change our perspective on those around us?

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### RESPONDING TO THE MESSAGE

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1. Is there an area in your life you are seeking to be special and building an empire instead of God's Kingdom?
  - a. What fruit can you see in that space?
2. What would it look like to reach out and celebrate God's Kingdom with them instead?

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### OPPORTUNITY FOR PRAYER

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Our Home Groups are the primary place for pastoral care to occur within the Church. We would encourage you to take the opportunity to pray for each other in this space.

