



Talk-It-Over

"GOD OF LOST CAUSES"

Message Date: June 2, 2013

LifeGroup Week: June 2-9, 2013

- Would you describe yourself as gullible or cynical? Why?

READ Matthew 9:27-38

²⁷ And as Jesus passed on from there, two blind men followed him, crying aloud, "Have mercy on us, Son of David." ²⁸ When he entered the house, the blind men came to him, and Jesus said to them, **"Do you believe that I am able to do this?"** They said to him, "Yes, Lord." ²⁹ Then he touched their eyes, saying, **"According to your faith be it done to you."** ³⁰ And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly warned them, **"See that no one knows about it."** ³¹ But they went away and spread his fame through all that district.

³² As they were going away, behold, a demon-oppressed man who was mute was brought to him. ³³ And when the demon had been cast out, the mute man spoke. And the crowds marveled, saying, "Never was anything like this seen in Israel." ³⁴ But the Pharisees said, "He casts out demons by the prince of demons."

³⁵ And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. ³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, **"The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸ therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."**

- What is the meaning of the title the blind men use for Jesus (**v. 27**)? How does it show faith?
- Why did Jesus warn the men who had been blind not to say anything (**v. 30**)?
- When Jesus casts out a demon, what is the reaction of the crowd? The Pharisees? You?
- How do Jesus' actions prove the Pharisees wrong (**vv. 35-36**)?
- What does Jesus see in the crowds? In the harvest field?
- Where could you use a miracle in your life right now?
- From Chapter 9, what have you learned about the kingdom? How do these events demonstrate what it means to labor in the field where God has placed you?

