

## **ON THE SAME TEAM**

As preached on Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup>

**Read:** Mark 9:38-41

1. Today's passage opens with a complaint from one of Jesus' disciples. Who is complaining? What are they upset about? Do you think the complaint was legitimate?
2. What is the significance of "in your name" in the complaint that is presented? What are examples of things we do "in the name" of Jesus? Can you think of examples in the world today where something is done in the name of something or someone else?
3. How would you summarize Jesus' response to the complaint? How concerned does he seem as he learns that another is ministering in his name?
4. What three reasons does Jesus give for his response?
5. Do any of those reasons surprise you? If so, which one? Why?
6. How do you think Jesus would respond today to all of the diverse ministry that is being conducted in this world? What criteria would determine if it was good or bad, right or wrong?
7. Take a moment to list a handful of people who are "not one of us" whose work in this world Jesus would applaud and legitimize. How might you join them in that good work as an expression of your faith in Christ?