

# Sermon Discussion Questions - February 9, 2020

## Scripture Q's

Read the passage from Sunday's sermon to refresh your memory: Mark 9:42-50.

- What is the general gist of this passage? What overarching theme do you see?
- Who might the "little ones" be in v. 42? What does this verse say about them?
- What does Jesus mean by the "hand", "foot", and "eye" references?
- How is the word "better" used in these verses? Better *to* what? Better *than* what?

## Application Q's

### Ruthless Pursuit

Share examples of things/people you would "give your right arm for".

- Does following Jesus make the list? How does it show?

Would you consider yourself a "civilized Christian"? Why or why not?

- How could you strengthen your faith in Jesus, without falling prey to legalism?

What is the difference between ruthlessly dealing with sin and ruthlessly pursuing Jesus?

### Porn, Lust, Sexual Immorality

How does Jesus speak to this issue in Matthew 5:27-30?

How does pornography have a negative impact on our brains? Relationships? Society?

- If you have a screen with internet access, consider watching the short, intro videos (2 minutes each) found at <https://fightthenewdrug.org/overview/>

In what ways does sexually explicit content enter into your life, if at all?

- How can you be ruthless in dealing with that?

### Our life impacts others

Is *your* pursuit of Jesus something to be modelled after? Why or why not?

- What would an ideal "model" of Christian faithfulness look like?

Sometimes we enable others to sin by our own attitude / response to it.

- How would you rate your attitude to sin on a “lazy to ruthless” scale?
- How can we respond with grace and truth to someone’s confession of sin without inadvertently communicating, “It’s okay! Don’t worry about it!”?