**HANDOUT** **Mark 9:30-50** The Marks of Courageous Discipleship 5-19-2019 TN

“He died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died.” 2Cor 5:15  
  
**POINT 1: Courageous discipleship is marked by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

HUMILITY. God is looking for humble people. IS 66:1-2, Micah 6:8, Ephesians 4:1-2, Colossians 3:12, James 4:6,1

**Point 2: Courageous discipleship marked by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**Point 3: Courageous discipleship marked by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

QUOTE Ferguson 1(see back)

QUOTE J.C. RYLES 1 (see back)

QUOTE Ferguson 2 re Salt and Fire(see back)

Application Questions-

1. What evidence is manifest in our current culture, that, before redemption

we are addicted to ourselves? How does that temptation persist even after we are saved?

1. How is pride viewed in our current culture? Is this the same kind of pride

that is condemned in the Bible, or is it different?

1. How does Jesus redeﬁne aspiring to greatness and seeking a reward? How

does this ﬁt together with Him condemning pride and encouraging serving?

1. How does 9:39-40 support cooperation among Christian churches of various denominations? Do you tend to resist such ideas? Why?
2. What are some examples of giving a cup of water? How does doing it in Jesus’ name and belonging to the Messiah further deﬁne this good deed?
3. Can hell serve as a motivation for faith and repentance to a non-believer? How should Christians speak about hell?
4. IsJesus teaching a Christian can go to hell for disobedience? How does justifying grace bring great comfort in our battle with sin? How does sanctifying grace encourage and help us in our battle with sin?
5. Why did Jesus use such strong language to warn us about temptation and hell?
6. What should Christian individuals do to be “salt” in their families and neighborhoods? What should the church as a body do to be salt in the world?
7. Do you know someone who is little known and unnoticed but who is probably huge in God’s eyes? What aspects of that person’s life are worthy of imitation?

**FERGUSON 1**

“It is not an accident that Jesus speaks about sin in relation to the

hand, the eye and the foot.

He is not really suggesting that we engage in acts of self—mutilation in order to be free from

sin. Rather, he is underlining the fact that sin is not a ‘spiritual ‘reality which has no relation to daily life.

On the contrary, we express our sinfulness through what we do with our hands, what

we gaze at with our eyes, where we go to on our feet.

The Christian gospel, therefore, summons us to present our bodies to the Lord, as offerings of holiness.

The battle for purity is serious, and it is life—long. “

*Let’s Study Mark, S Ferguson, p 154*

**RYLES 1**

“There is no mercy in keeping back from men the subject of hell. Fearful and tremendous as it is, it ought to be pressed on all, as one of the great truths of Christianity. Our loving Savior speaks frequently of it. The servants of God in these days must not be ashamed of confessing their belief in it. Were there no precious blood Christ able to cleanse away all sin, we might well keep silence about the wrath to come. But there is mercy for all who ask in Christ’s name. Let us then boldly and unhesitatingly maintain there is a hell, and beseech men to flee from it, before it be too late. It is not possible to say too much about Christ. But it is possible to say too little about hell.” *– Expository Thoughts on the Gospels: For Family and Private Use 1879, p193 J.C. Ryle*

**FERGUSON 2**

“In the Old Testament, the sacrifices made in the temple were seasoned with salt (Lev 2:13). Jesus seems to be saying here that as we offer our lives to Christ, we too will become like those sacrifices. But we will be seasoned with fire, not salt--the trials which will purge away all the dross of our Christian lives…Perhaps this is the background to what Peter was later to write about the importance of not being surprised by the fiery trial (1 Peter 1:6-7; 4:12). Through it our faith will emerge, tested and purified for Christ’s glory.” *Let’s Study Mark, p 154, -Sinclair Ferguson*