

## Sermon Notes

### *Insights from Luke*

#34 – “Mistakes We All Have Made”

– Luke 9:37-50

#### I. Introduction

##### A. Making mistakes

1. Mistake – A fault in understanding, perception or interpretation. A wrong answer.
2. Two reasons behind the pursuit of not making mistakes.
  - a. The excellence of Christ
  - b. Pride

##### B. Today’s Text – Luke 9:37-50

#### II. Exposition

##### A. Luke 9:37-40

1. Epilepsy caused by a demonic spirit.
2. Raphael – “The Transfiguration”

##### B. Luke 9:41-42

1. “Unbelieving and perverted”
  - a. Deuteronomy 32:5

##### 2. Mark 9:24

##### C. Luke 9:43-45

1. Jesus again directs them back to His most critical work.

##### D. Luke 9:46

1. The argument.

##### E. Luke 9:47-48

1. Rabbis and children.
2. Greatness in God’s eyes.

##### 3. Christ’s example – Philippians 2:2-7

##### F. Luke 9:49-50

1. Pride and exclusivity.
2. The struggle for unity.

#### III. Points for Reflection.

A. First: We say that we believe in God, but do we trust Him to do what only He can do?

1. Concerns between Presumption and Faith.
2. We need to trust God for all things.

B. Second: We commit a second mistake when we take our eyes off of Christ.

1. The cross must be central.
  - a. I Corinthians 2:2; Galatians 6:14

C. Third: We also make a mistake when we seek greatness for ourselves rather than God.

1. There is no place for one-upmanship.
2. Everything we have is a gift.

D. Fourth: We make a mistake when we fight the wrong enemy.

1. Be careful of judging other Christians because their practice in contending with the powers of the age are different from ours.
2. We end up slaughtering other Christians in our zeal.
3. Remember our logo:  
In essentials unity  
In non-essentials liberty  
In all things charity.