

Whoever Is Not Against Us Is for Us—[Mark 9:38–41](#)

Topics:

Arguments, Believers, Demons, Divisions, Jealousy, Judging Others, Ministry, Miracles, Pride, Rewards, Unity

Open It

1. *What do people argue about in your family?
2. What happens to a team of workers when members become jealous and use power plays against each other?
3. What do you think are the advantages and disadvantages of church denominations?

Explore It

1. Who told Jesus about the dilemma facing the disciples? ([9:38](#))
2. How did John refer to Jesus and how was that significant? ([9:38](#))
3. *What issue concerned the disciples? ([9:38](#))
4. Why did the disciples try to stop a man from driving out demons? ([9:38](#))
5. *What attitudes did the disciples have in this situation? ([9:38](#))
6. *How did Jesus respond to the disciples' question? ([9:40](#))

7. Why did Jesus not mind others, who were not part of His group of disciples, performing miracles in His name? ([9:40](#))
8. What attitude did Jesus want the disciples to have? ([9:41](#))
9. How will God treat those who do good in Christ's name? ([9:41](#))
10. What principle was Jesus trying to teach the disciples? ([9:39–41](#))

Get It

1. What jealousies and power struggles do you see in the church today?
2. *Over what issues do we tend to be divided as believers?
3. *How does Christ want us to respond to others who minister in His name, even if they do not come from the same group or background as we do?
4. How do you think God views the various denominations and separate societies that the Christian church has divided into?
5. How can we become more unified as a body of believers?
6. How can you ensure that you are serving in the name of Christ and not allowing wrong motives to steal any of the glory that belongs to Christ?
7. What ministry do you think God might be leading you to get involved in?

8. What do you think we could do as churches and denominations to lay aside our differences and put up a united front to the world?

9. What can churches do to support those who are not against them?

Apply It

1. What step can you take this week to help another person in Christ's name?

2. *What can you do to support someone who does good and is "not against you"?