

BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, September 20, 2015

Passage: Mark 9:2-13

Memory Passage: Mark 9:7-8

DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Mark 9:2-13.** Why does Jesus take only Peter, James, and John with Him up on the high mountain?
- (b) What does “transfigured” mean, and how does our context help you answer this question?
- (c) What is the significance of Jesus’ clothes being “intensely white?”
- (d) Why do Moses & Elijah appear with Jesus?

DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Mark 9:2-13.** For what purpose did Peter want to “make three tents?”
- (b) In what ways did Peter both understand and misunderstand what was happening during the transfiguration?
- (c) For whose benefit did God speak, and what is the contextual significance of what God said?
- (d) What is the significance of this phrase: “they no longer saw anyone with them but Jesus only” (v. 8)?

DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Mark 9:2-13.** Why does Jesus command the disciples to tell no one until after His resurrection?
- (b) Explain the answer Jesus gives to the disciples’ question about Elijah coming first (vs. 12-13).
- (c) Re-read Mark 8:31-9:13 with an eye toward answering these questions: (a) What is the connection between glory and suffering for Jesus? (2) What is the connection between glory and suffering for you? (c) How did Peter misunderstand the connection between glory and suffering?

DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Mark 9:2-13.** Read the following OT references and write your thoughts concerning how Mark 9:2-13 is related to each one: Genesis 22:1-18; Exodus 24:1-18; Deuteronomy 18:15-19; Psalm 2:1-12; Malachi 4:4-6.

DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Mark 9:2-13.** In what ways are you tempted, or what “tents” are you trying to build, to focus on your future glory and forego the suffering that must precede it?
- (b) The three disciples were “terrified” (v. 6). Should they have been? Why or why not? Would you have been terrified if you were with them? Why or why not?
- (c) In verse 7 God says, “This is my beloved Son, listen to him.” In what ways does this phrase encourage you? Challenge you? Convict you? Cause you to reprioritize your life? Motivate you?
- (d) What does listening to Jesus have to do with your current suffering? With your future glory?

(e) In what areas or circumstances of your life do you need to remember that when you look around you see no one with you “but Jesus only” and how does this fact encourage and motivate you in each circumstance or area?

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Unveiling the Glory