

Follow the King

THE GOSPEL OF MARK

Sermon Questions

Date: *January 8, 2023* | Scripture: *Mark 9:1-13*

1. Read the passage together. What do you find convicting? What do you find challenging? What do you find confusing?
2. Given all that Jesus demands of you, including suffering, self-denial and loss for the sake of love, have you ever really asked whether following Jesus is worth it? If you haven't asked yourself this question why do you think that is? If you have, elaborate on your thought process.
3. The Transfiguration of Jesus was a preview of God's glory with the purpose of encouraging His disciples. How does this record of Jesus' transfiguration encourage you in life?
4. Mark makes it clear in 9:2-4 that only the glory of Jesus can bear the weight of our worship. But we are inundated with messages from the World promising the same thing elsewhere. What "glorious" things are you tempted to pursue in place of Jesus? Have these things borne the weight and brought lasting satisfaction?
5. In Mark 9:5, on seeing Jesus' glory, Peter spoke impulsively and understandably wanted to make his home there. But he missed the bigger picture of God's plan by mistaking the preview for the main event. Why do you think it is important for us to live the whole life God has planned for us and not just skip to the end?
6. In verses 9-12 Jesus shares with his disciples that he is to suffer and die, and also be resurrected. Jesus in his glory is not only worthy of our worship, but also capable of bearing the weight of our hope. How does this hope motivate you to persevere as you run your race through the vicissitudes of life?

WORSHIP THROUGHOUT THE WEEK

Here are some other ways you can meet with God throughout the week:

Reflect on these Scriptures:

- Ezekiel 1
- Isaiah 6:8-13
- Luke 9:31
- Acts 26:13
- Colossians 1

Serve: there are lots of opportunities to serve in our church family. [Click Here](#) to serve as a volunteer.

Pray for ESOL. Praise God for a successful fall. Pray for endurance and encouragement for the teachers as they continue to serve this community. Pray for opportunities to share the gospel in conversation and class.

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