

Lesson Notes: Mark 9

Introductory Questions

1. Why do you think Jesus allowed Peter, James, and John to see the Transfiguration?
2. Why do you think Elijah and Moses in particular came to Jesus on the mountain? What do you think they were talking about and saying to Jesus? What do you think He might have been saying to them?
3. How would your life change if you heard God's voice say directly to you, "This is My Son, whom I love. Listen to Him!"
4. Often in life it appears that we go from terrific highs (Transfiguration) to terrible lows (demon-possessed boy). Why is that?
5. Have you had a "I believe, help my unbelief!" experience lately? Tell your group. Listen to each other with the utmost respect!
6. Quickly list everything you know about heaven, then hell.

Heavenly

The Transfiguration

Help!

I do believe; help my unbelief!

Col 2:15

Hierarchy

Jockeying for Position: what is greatness in the eyes of God?

His

True Discipleship: causing sin, salted with fire

Application Questions

Which quote resonates most with you:

"This is My Son, whom I love. Listen to Him!"

"O unbelieving generation, how long shall I put up with you? Bring the boy to Me."

"Everything is possible for him who believes."

"I believe! Help my unbelief!"

"Everyone will be salted with fire."

In what ways are you like the father of the boy? See page 121 in TK's book, second half of the page starting with, "Jesus could have told...."

In what ways does this part of the story give you hope?

TK talks about experiencing vs. knowing the love of God, and on p. 122, says,

"You're My daughter, you're My son, I love you. I would go to infinite cost and infinite depths not to lose you--and I have."

Respond to that ... and take your time.