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BIBLE CHURCH

Sermon Guide
March 1: Mark 9:2-13

What stood out to you most from the sermon? Why?

Key Takeaways:

1. Jesus is the glorified King who will reign forever in a perfect kingdom where there is no death, pain, grief, or crying.
2. Mountaintop experiences are meant to sustain our faith, not become our permanent residence. We must come down to serve others and fulfill Jesus' mission.
3. Remembering what God has done helps us trust Him in difficult times when His presence feels less evident.
4. Listening to Jesus through His Word is the most reliable way to sustain our faith when memories fade and feelings fluctuate.
5. We can live now in light of the future kingdom, bringing God's kingdom to earth by obeying Jesus' commands today.

Discussion Questions:

1. Why do you think Jesus chose only Peter, James, and John for this experience? What does this teach us about how God works with different people?
2. What was the significance of Moses and Elijah appearing with Jesus? How would this have impacted the disciples' understanding of who Jesus was?
3. Peter wanted to build shelters and stay on the mountain. Why did they have to come down? What does this teach us about spiritual "mountaintop" experiences?
4. Have you ever had a spiritual "mountaintop moment" where God's presence felt especially real? What was that like? How did it impact your faith afterward?
5. Since memories fade, what practices help you remember God's faithfulness when you're going through difficult times?

6. God commanded the disciples to listen to him. How would you honestly assess your listening-to-talking ratio when it comes to your relationship with God?
7. Do you view the Bible as "Genesis 3 to Revelation 20" (just managing sin) versus remembering Eden and looking forward to the new creation? How does this shift in perspective change the way we live today?
8. If we're supposed to pray "Thy kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven," what does that look like practically? What would change in your daily life if you lived more like you will in the perfect kingdom?
9. Which of these commands of Jesus is God calling you to focus on right now: repent, follow, let your light shine, love enemies, seek God's kingdom first, forgive, love one another, make disciples.

Practical Applications:

1. Option 1: Write down 5-10 times when God has been clearly evident in your life. Keep this list somewhere you'll see it during difficult moments, and add to it as you recognize God's faithfulness.
2. Option 2: For one week, spend the first 5 minutes of prayer time in silence, simply listening. Write down anything God brings to your attention. Share with the group next time what this practice was like
3. Option 3: Choose one of Jesus' commands mentioned in Mark 9:2-13. Identify one specific way you'll obey that command this week, and ask someone in the group to check in with you about it
4. Option 4: Commit to reading through the Gospel of Mark this week (it's only 16 chapters). Underline or highlight every command Jesus gives, and pick one to focus on implementing