

Discovering Joy: Spiritual High Points Pastor Mark Pope May 2 & 3, 2020

- 1. One of Pastor Mark's points was "We never know which call will end up on a mountaintop." God can create a high point from a routine call/invitation. Why do you think God uses routine calls as well as the extraordinary to create a high point?
- Read Mark 9:2-19.
 Pastor Mark pointed out that the transfiguration was a high point for the disciples.
 What "high point" or life moment has encouraged you to keep pushing forward?
- 3. Read Luke 9:32-33 (Another account of the transfiguration)
 Pastor Mark pointed out that confusion can often be a part of a mountaintop experience with God. Why do you think this is?
- 4. Have you ever had a moment when you said "no" to God's call (invitation) to something? What was the end result?
- 5. Pastor Mark commented that critical thinking can sometimes lead to missing the high point. Do you let critical thinking (trying to figure out what God is doing) rob you of enjoying the encounter? Why is that?
- 6. Some mountain top experience requires a climb (pushing through some pain.) What is your typical response when an invitation from God includes pain or discomfort?
- 7. What steps can you take now to be ready to say yes when a "painful" invitation arrives?
- 8. Pastor Mark ended the message by praying for a mountain top experience. When was the last time you prayed that prayer? Would you be willing to incorporate it into your normal prayer time?

