



Glory on Display

Mark 9:2-29

□ With Jesus on the mountain top:

- A unique gift into the love of the Godhead.
- A time to listen.

□ With Jesus on the road to the cross:

- Watch out for spiritual entitlement.
- Admit complete helplessness.
- Pray first, pray hard, pray together, pray a lot.

GETTING STARTED: Have you ever had a “mountain top” experience with God? Where was it? What was it like? Did you tell others about it? How does it impact your life today?

DIGGING DEEPER: Why do you think it was important for Mark to tell about the transfiguration after telling about Jesus’ announcement that He would die? Read Ex. 16:10, 19:9. What connections do you see between this and the transfiguration? What is the significance of the presence of Moses and Elijah? What insight does the Father’s words in v. 7 give about the glory of God? How would this story encourage the original listeners of Mark who were suffering for their faith under Caesar? Who was modern day Elijah (Matt. 17:10-13)? To what end (6:14-29)? What was Peter thinking in v. 5 (see also Deut. 16:13-15; Zech. 14:16-20)? What was going on while Jesus and the disciples were on the mountain? What do you think the boy’s father felt as people were arguing? What does Jesus respond to so strongly in v. 19 (see also 4:40, 6:50-52, 8:17-21)? Why does Mark tell this story after the transfiguration?

LIVING IT OUT: How could you make Sunday an opportunity for a mountain top experience (go to bed early Saturday, take time to read and pray, come on time, etc.)? When have you experienced the tension between the mountain top experience and the daily road to the cross? How have you seen others or yourself disappointed by expecting the mountain top experience to either stay with you or cause you not to struggle? Have you ever felt pressure or have you pressured someone else to expect to live on the mountain top? How does understanding we are on a road to the cross help you to rest in Jesus?



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