

Like Jesus: The Gospel of Mark

A study for Community Groups to use the week of June 21st

To prepare for your group discussion each week, group members should use the **Series Guide** to complete foundational questions in the book for week 5 using the scripture below.

Week 19: Mark 9:1-13

Overview

Mark doesn't just tell us what Jesus did; he shows us who Jesus is in a way that forces us to rethink the world we're living in and the stories we're being sold every day.

*"Mark's account is almost identical to Matthew's here. He added that Jesus' garments became whiter than any human launderer could make them. This reflects an eyewitness's testimony if nothing else. Perhaps the reference to six days followed by revelation should recall Exodus 24:15-16. Moses was on Mt. Sinai for six days and then God revealed Himself on the seventh. This is the most precise date in Mark's Gospel before the passion story. It also connects this fulfillment with Jesus' prediction in verse 1. In the Old Testament the glory of God was represented with bright light. Mark placed Elijah in the prominent position before Moses (v. 4) probably because he was to be Messiah's forerunner"— **Constable Notes***

Questions

*In the Series Guide you will find basic questions we want all to use as they begin to look at the passage. Questions such as; *Who have you had the opportunity to BLESS this week? What does this passage reveal about God? About people? About the life He has planned for us?* These additional questions relate to the passage specifically for your benefit.

- On the mountain, the disciples see Jesus transfigured and hear the Father say, "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!" (v.7). What does this passage reveal about who Jesus truly is? How might your life look different if you consistently viewed Him as more than a teacher or helper, but as the glorious Son of God?
- In Mark 9:5-6 Peter immediately wants to build shelters and stay in the moment, but God redirects his attention back to Jesus. Why do you think Peter responds this way? What are some ways you try to control, preserve, or stay in comfortable spiritual moments instead of simply listening to and following Jesus?
- The Father's command is simple: "Listen to him!" After the extraordinary moment passes, the disciples see "only Jesus" (v.8). What is Jesus currently asking you to trust, obey, or surrender? What would it look like to actually listen to Him this week, especially in an area where His voice competes with fear, comfort, or your own plans?