

Session 14: Mark 9-9:50

REACTION TO JESUS TRANSFIGURED

1. Read Mark 9:9-13. Why did Jesus admonish them to tell NO ONE what they had seen until the resurrection?

A SPIRIT-POSSESSED BOY

2. Read Mark 9:14-29. From everything Jesus says, why were the disciples unable to cast out this demon?
3. But there is more of a problem for the disciples and their failure. They ask Jesus why they were unable to cast out the demon and Jesus tells them that this kind must be driven out by prayer. What does Jesus mean that it can only be driven out by prayer?
4. How did Jesus help and encourage the boy's father in his faith? How was this shown in his second "prayer" to Jesus?
5. How did the evil spirit react to Jesus' command to come out? What would be the reason for such a reaction?
6. In the midst of a great tragedy or trauma, we might find ourselves in such a weak spiritual condition that we are unable to believe that the Lord will help us. How do the words of this boy's father help us?

THE SECOND PASSION AND RESURRECTION PREDICTION

7. Read Mark 9:30-32. What perhaps hindered the disciples from understanding what Jesus said? **Note: The Greek in verse 32 literally reads: "But they consistently/really failed to understand the utterance, but they were afraid to question him." (Voelz)**

TRUE DISCIPLESHIP

8. Read Mark 9:33-37. The Reign and Rule of God is different from the kingdoms of the world. The world's leaders argue and jostle for positions of importance. What makes a person important in God's kingdom? Why do you think this is so?

9. What example of service does Jesus give us in verse 37?

10. What is the best way for you personally to become the “greatest” member of your church?

11. Read Mark 9:38-41. What is the problem from the disciples’ perspective? Read Numbers 11:24-30. How does Joshua’s problem relate?

12. How does Jesus respond? And what is the message to the disciples?

13. Read Mark 9:42-50. How serious is Jesus about sin? See what he says in verses 42–48.

14. “*Salted with fire*” What does Jesus mean by these words?

15. Explain the following:
 - a. “Have salt in yourselves”

 - b. “be at peace with one another”