

Discussion Guide

Faith is a Journey

Mark 9:2-13

Prayer

- Pray for children to grow in faith this week at VBS!

Introduction

- On Sunday, Pastor Caleb unfolded the truth that all of the law and prophets point to the glory of Jesus. On the mount of transfiguration, Peter, James, and John were given a glimpse of this magnificence.
- *What places or moments remind you of the glory of God?*

Read Mark 9:2-8

- *If you were in Peter's shoes, how would you have responded?*
- *How do Peter's actions reflect natural responses toward God?*
- The disciples were "terrified" by this moment. *How would you counsel someone afraid of God?*
- *Is there any person or place that you are tempted to put on the same level as Jesus? How can we overcome this inclination?*
- *What are the ways that we try to contain or control God's glory?*

Read Mark 9:9-13

- *What can we learn from this truth?* Jesus is still with you when you leave the mountain top.
- *How would you respond if a neighbor asked you the following question: "If Jesus is God's beloved Son, why did he let him keep walking toward the suffering and contempt of the cross?"*
- In verse 13, Jesus is referring to John the Baptist. Listen to his teaching from Matthew 11, "13 For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John, 14 and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come."
- The prophets suffered for the cause of the Messiah. *In what ways are you experiencing hardship as you represent Jesus in this world?*

"One-Another Ing"

- This year's discussion guide will feature one of the scriptures' "one another" statements. These instructions guide us on how to love one another.
- *Comfort one another (1 Thessalonians 4:18)* - comfort each other with the hope of resurrection and eternal joy.