



KINGDOM

THE KING AND HIS

A STUDY IN MARK

Week 9: The Glory of the King

It's human nature to want to hang on to a good thing. In Mark 9, three of the disciples share a unique experience with Jesus where He shows them His true glory. And Peter's human nature kicks in. But Jesus had a different vision. The transfiguration wasn't about the moment they were in, it was about the mission they were on. Jesus was showcasing His glory to show them the end of the story. No matter what challenges we face, we have access to the power of the King to bring His Kingdom near while we wait for it to come in full.

Discussion Questions:

1. **Read Mark 9:1-8.** How does the Transfiguration reveal Jesus' true nature? Why do you think Peter, James, and John needed to witness this moment?
2. What do Moses and Elijah represent in this moment, and what is the significance of them appearing with Jesus?
3. Peter wanted to stay on the mountain, but Jesus' mission and vision were bigger than simply that moment. Have you ever been tempted to "camp out" in a comfortable place rather than move forward in faith? How did you work through that and what happened as a result? Are there any comfort zones you feel God is asking you to step out of right now? How can you trust Him in that?
4. Discuss this statement: *The church does not exist for the saved. The church IS the saved who exist for the lost.* Do you agree or disagree? Explain. In what ways are we tempted to make church about us and how can we avoid falling into that trap?
5. The Transfiguration was a glimpse of Jesus' future glory. How does knowing how the story ends give you hope in the struggles of the present? How does it give you confidence in participating in God's mission of redemption?