

GREENFOREST COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH
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Teaching on Tuesday Virtual Bible Study via Facebook Live (10/13/2020)
Mountain High & Valley Lows: Mark 9:2-29

Reviewing the Previous Passages

- **Peter Confesses Jesus as Christ (Mark 8:27-30)** - Jesus has often been called Teacher and Son of Man, but the crowds nor the disciples understood him to be the Messiah.
- **Jesus Foretells of His Death and Resurrection (Mark 8:31-38)** – For the first of three times, Jesus talks his disciples he will be rejected, killed and rise after three days.
- **Peter Rebukes Jesus and Jesus rebukes Peter (Mark 8:32-33)**

MOUNTAINS HIGH – Mark 9:2-13

HIGH EXPECTATIONS

The Inner Circle, who I jokingly call the “A-Team,” likely believes they will once again experience a unique or miraculous encounter with Jesus.

REVELATION OF JESUS AS CHRIST

Jesus changes before their very eyes appearing radiant and intensely white revealing glory of God in this divine moment. Elijah and Moses also appear testifying and pointing to Jesus being the Christ.

MISGUIDED ACTIONS

Peter doesn’t understand that this is a place of visitation vs. a place of inhabitation. Peter and the disciples haven’t accepted that Jesus will be a suffering Messiah.

For the second time, The Father once again declares that Jesus is the Son of God, but this time the disciples are present, and He tells them to “Listen to Him.”

VALLEY LOWS – Mark 9:14-29

LOW EXPECTATIONS

The remaining disciples (the B-Team) likely aren’t expecting the miraculous and takes a spiritual break.

INEFFECTIVE ACTIONS

The disciples were unable to perform the healing, a task that Jesus trained them to do. Their failure has caused a commotion in the town.

REVELATION FOR DISCIPLES SPIRITUAL MATURITY

The disciples ask Jesus why they couldn’t cast out the spirit. Jesus replies this kind comes out only by prayer and fasting. These weren’t new spiritual principles. However, the disciples at some point lost their focus and were unable to perform the ministry task.