

**This Week's Text:** Mark 9:2-29 – Disciples Need Faith

**Next Week's Text:** Mark 9:30-50 – Disciples Need Humility

**I. Disciples Need Faith in Jesus' Person (9:2-8)**

- Faith in His Holiness (2-3)
- Faith in His Authority (4-8)
  - Jesus Authority is Confirmed by Moses and Elijah
  - Jesus' Authority is Missed by Peter
  - Jesus Authority is Reconfirmed by God

**II. Disciples Need Faith in Jesus' Purpose (9:9-13)**

- As Clearly Taught (9-10)
- As Clearly Prophesied (11-12)

**III. Disciples Need Faith in Jesus' Power (9:14-29)**

- Our Faith in His Power Will Tested (14-22)
  - By His Followers' Failure (14, 18-19)
  - By His Enemy's Arguments (14-21)
  - By Our Heart's Doubt (22b-24)
- Our Faith in His Power Must Be Dependent (28-29)

**Corporate Reading Guide:**

As you read Mark 9-13 this week, note the constant drum beat of Jesus calling the disciples to faith above all other callings. What call to faith most impacted you as you studied these chapters?

**Discussion Questions:**

1. What impacted you and/or what did you learn from this week's sermon?
2. Did you have any questions on these verses or topics that were not covered on Sunday?
3. Read Isaiah 6:1-5 and Mark 9:5-6. How could Peter have been so blind to the Holiness of Christ – and how can we ourselves be blinded?
4. Read Deuteronomy 18:15-19. Imagine the hope this passage would have given Israel. How we, unlike Peter, respond to the ultimate authority of Jesus?
5. Read 2 Timothy 3:12-13. Why is avoiding persecution and suffering so anti-Christ and dangerous to our own souls? What suffering are you personally most tempted to avoid?
6. Of the three tests the father faced, which one is the hardest for you to endure, and why?
7. How can a life of dependence on Christ, doing all things "by prayer", help us stand in the face of testing?
8. All our hearts should continually cry out "I believe; help my unbelief." Split up into smaller groups and confess and pray over one practical area that you know God needs to help your unbelief in.