



### **Bible Study Lesson**

The Reason for the Season and Understanding Your Purpose In The Kingdom

Mark 9:2-29

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#### Objective:

Learn what the mountain of transfiguration meant for Jesus and the each of us.

Faith and learning our purpose through spending time with God.

How to walk confidently in God as we understand our calling and purpose.

#### Question:

When have you had an experience when God revealed something important to you about your life and how did you receive it? ( Mountain top experience)

God reveals Jesus's purpose Mark 9:2-5

- Just as God revealed Jesus's purpose, God also reveals our purpose as we get closer and spend time with God.
- Our purpose and calling are revealed when we remove our distractions and spend time with God through prayer and study of God's word.
- Seek God for clarity about your life and situations that you deal with.

There are some things that God reveal to us in seasons of our lives that we must keep to ourselves until God is ready to reveal it openly.

- Jesus asked Peter, James, and John not to tell anyone what they experienced during the transfiguration.
  1. Because He knew His purpose was not ready to be revealed.
  2. He wanted to remain humble about His gifts and the power that God gave Him so that God can be glorified and not Him.
  3. The people were not ready to accept Jesus's ministry purpose because their hearts were hardened.

Jesus and the disciples came down from the mountain and were confronted with a chaotic situation and a glorious experience on the mountain.

- Be cautious not to get stuck on our mountain top experiences because we must still go down to the valley and do the work with the people that God has called us to.



- Once God reveals our purpose on the mountain top, we are then called to the valley to deal with the chaotic situations in our lives.

#### Mark 9:14-18

In the valley is where Jesus exercises his purpose amid the chaos and a group of people that do not fully understand who he is. Instead, Jesus did not allow the chaos in the valley to distract Him from His mission.

- In our lives there will be people that will not fully understand our purpose. We are expected to continue our mission and the work of Christ without being distracted by the noise around us.
- Although we may be frustrated by the lack of support and the challenges from our community, we must continue the work that God has called us to.
- Our purpose is revealed on the mountain but tested in the valley.  
What challenges have you faced in your valleys and how did you handle it?

#### Mark 9:19-24

The father of the boy had faith but due to the situation he was faced with his faith became weak.

- Jesus tells us that all things are possible through faith.
- When our faith is weak, we can pray to God to strengthen our faith.
- Walking in our purpose requires faith but our faith is not always perfect, but God will meet us where we are in our faith.

#### Closing:

We can't fulfill our calling and purpose on our own. The power we need to function in our purpose comes from our dependence on God, humility, prayer and fasting. We should challenge ourselves to commit to daily prayer, worship, and communion with God. Daily, we are faced with the challenges of this world, just as the father was challenged with his son. In our communities we are challenged with the troubles of our young people in our community as they are exposed to violence, crime, and murder. We see it and watch it daily on the news and in the media. As a body of Christ, God is calling us to a higher level of commitment to prayer and faith to know that God will touch the lives of our youth. As believers, we must all be on one accord through prayer, trusting that God will help us with our youth and the troubles we see in the valley (our communities). Just as Jesus gave his disciples the direction on how to handle their difficult task with the community, God has also given directions on how to deal with the difficult situations that we think are impossible.

*What seems impossible for human ability is made possible through God.*