The Glory That Follows Mark Lesson 15

**Lesson 15 – The Glory That Follows**

**Mark 8:38 – 9:29**

**Day 1 – Review**

1. What challenged or encouraged you from the lecture, and how did it help you
in your Christian walk?

2. What in the notes helped you to understand God’s Word, and how did you
apply it?

**Day 2 – Read Mark 9:1 – 4**

*Please pray before beginning your lesson. One possible verse to pray is Psalm 143:5-6 “Father, I meditate on all that you have done; I ponder the work of your hands. I stretch out my hands to you; my soul thirsts for you like a parched land.”*

3. In verse 1, what does Jesus declare?

*Note: The specific event in verse 1 that Jesus had in mind has been variously interpreted. One of the interpretations is to connect Christ’s statement in verse 1 with the Transfiguration event in the following verses (vv.2-8), which provides a foretaste of His coming glory.*

4. Looking at verse 3, describe the transfiguration of Jesus using your own words. Who was there to witness this according to verse 2?

5. How do the following verses describing Jesus help you understand what Peter, James and John were seeing?

Hebrews 1:3:

Revelation 1:14-17:

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6. Read Luke’s 9:30-31. From Luke’s account of the Transfiguration, what were Moses and Elijah discussing with Jesus?

7. What part of Old Testament revelation did Moses (Exodus 24:3) and Elijah (1Kings 19:14) represent?

8. **Thought Question:** Who is seen as the authority here: Moses, Elijah, or Jesus? How would this knowledge challenge and change the disciples’ perception of Christ’s authority from this point on?

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***Apply this day****: We can be assured as the disciples saw Jesus in His glory that we too, as His disciples, will one day see Him in His glory. May your faith be strengthened as you are encouraged by this truth.*

**Day 3 – Read Mark 9: 5-8**

*Please pray before beginning your lesson.*

9. According to verse 6, what was Peter’s state of mind? How does John describe his reaction to seeing Jesus in Revelation 1:17?

10. What did Peter say to Jesus and suggest they do?

11. **Personal Question:** Whether or not Peter wanted to prolong the moment or he had other ideas about the situation, he didn’t understand what to say or do. (vs 6).

a. When have you, like Peter, run ahead of Jesus, because you were preoccupied with your own ideas about a situation?

b. What can you do to avoid making that mistake and instead look to Jesus for understanding and direction? (See Proverbs 3:5-6)

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12. According to Mark 9:7, what happened next?

13. **Thought Question:** Compare the voice from heaven in Mark 1:11 to this account in Mark 9:7. What is God saying differently to the disciples now? Why do you think He needed to say this?

14. Read Acts 3:22 with Deut 18:15. Who did Moses prophecy would come? And, what were the people of God supposed to do when they saw Him?

***Apply this day****: God tells us to listen to his Son Jesus. Are you listening more in your prayer life or talking more? Tune your ears to the Word of God and do what He says..*

**Day 4 – Read Mark 9: 9-13**

*Please pray before beginning your lesson.*

15. What does Jesus charge the disciples with as they came down the mountain?

16. **Thought Question:** Jesus often gave orders to stay silent or not to tell anyone about things He did. This time He commands the disciples not to tell anyone what they had seen until He had risen from the dead. According to **Mark 9:10,** what were the disciples privately questioning among themselves? Do you think they understood yet that Jesus had to die and would be resurrected?

17. **Personal Question:** Do you come to Jesus with your questions when you don’t understand? If not, why not? Reflect on Jeremiah 33:3 “Call to Me and I will answer you, and will tell you great and hidden things that you have not known.”

18. Confused, the three disciples ask for Jesus’ interpretation of an OT prophecy concerning Elijah (Mal 3:1, 4:5). Using **Mark 9: 12-13**, fill in the blanks according to what Jesus taught them:

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Who has come and will restore?

 Who has already come?

 What did they do to him?

 Who also will suffer?

19. **Thought Question:**  Jesus shifted the focus of the disciples’ question about Elijah onto Himself as the suffering Son of Man. Jesus was constantly trying to teach the disciples who He was. Did the disciples comprehend yet that Jesus had to suffer and die?

***Apply this day****: Jesus wants us to come to Him when we don’t understand. Today, seek to know Him better, counting on the promise in Jeremiah 33:3 “Call to Me and I will answer you, and will tell you great and hidden things that you have not known.”*

**Day 5 – Read Mark 9: 14-29**

*Please pray before beginning you lesson.*

19. What was the problem that caused an argument between the disciples and the crowd? (See especially Mark 9:14-19)

20. Describe what the spirit did to the boy and the spirit’s intent for the boy.

Verse 17 –

Verse 18 –

Verse 20 –

Verse 22

21. What words did the man use to ask Jesus for help the first time, and what do those words reveal about the man’s heart? (verse 22)

22. How did Jesus respond to the man? (verse 23)

23. **Thought Question:** What did the man say in response to Jesus, and what does this tell us about his heart?

24. **Personal Question:** How can his response to Jesus offer encouragement to you when you are facing impossible situations in your life?

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25. Jesus’ answer to the disciples when they questioned why they couldn’t cast out the demon (verses 28-29) is an important lesson for everyone who walks in reliance upon God.

 a.What was Jesus’ response in verse 29?

b. How does 1 Thessalonians 5:17 tell us to pray, and how does this encourage you?

(Note concerning verse 29: The KJV specifically says “Jesus said unto them, “This kind can come forth by nothing, but by prayer and fasting” ESV and NIV include *fasting* in their footnotes.)

***Apply this day****: Be honest with Jesus. Admit to Him: “Yes, I believe, but please help me because I struggle with unbelief. Lord, I don’t want to trust in my feelings, but I want to trust in You. Please strengthen my faith in You.” Your honesty and dependence is all God wants to deepen your relationship with Him today.*

**Day 6– Reread Mark 9:23-24 (SOAP)**

*Please pray before beginning your lesson.*

**Scripture** – *Write the verses.*

**Observation** – *Record something you learned from these verses. Possible questions to ask for observation: What principle do I learn? What warning should I heed? What commandment should I obey? What aspect of God’s character do I see?*

**Application** – *How can I apply this to my life?*

**Prayer** – *Pray to God, praise Him, and ask Him for what you need in response to what you learned. Write down your prayer.*