

THE TRANSFIGURATION

Mark 9:1-13

What is your favorite movie of all time? Why? What makes a movie trailer awesome?

Movie Trailers give us a short glimpse into what the movie will be like. In Mark 9, Jesus himself gives a few privileged men a glimpse into what he will be like in eternity.

MARK 9:1 – THE PREDICTION

At the end of chapter 8, what does Jesus predict will soon happen?

What does it sound like Jesus means in this verse? What does He actually mean?

Answer: Some of them will get to see what the eternal Kingdom of God will look like through the glorified Christ. He is not saying that they will enter eternity without dying.

READ MARK 9:2-8 – THE EVENT

What does it mean that Jesus was “transfigured”?

What do verses 2-3 tell us about the transfigured Jesus? (*Also read Matthew 17:2 & Luke 9:29*)

If His appearance changed when He was transfigured, what do you think Jesus will be like when *you* meet Him in person?

Who is Elijah? Moses? Why do you think these two men appeared? (Exodus 20 & 1 Kings 18)

How did Peter react to this event? How would you have reacted?

Who speaks out of the cloud? Who is He talking to? Why?

READ MARK 9:9-13 – THE DEBRIEF

Why do you think Jesus asks them to wait to tell this story until He has risen from the dead?

Jesus talks about future suffering. How will He suffer? Why would He tell the disciples this?

APPLICATION

God tells the disciples to “listen to him”, meaning Jesus. If you were to stop and listen right now, what would Jesus be telling you to do?

This story helps us remember just how awesome Jesus is. To end today's cell group, have each student share one word that they think best describes Jesus and explain why. What is it about Him that makes you want to give up your whole life to follow Him?