



Introduction

If there is still any question as to who Jesus is, Mark 9:1-13 explains that God Himself speaks declaring, “This is my beloved Son; listen to him.” For the disciples, who do not have the benefits of the New Testament yet, this would have been an amazing confirmation of their earlier confession. Mark immediately tells us that though Jesus is greater than Moses and Elijah, and has inexplicable glory and power, he will humbly lay it aside making himself vulnerable, in order to suffer and die as the means of freeing them from sin and death.

Observation/Interpretation

- Attempt to describe what “glory” is and what it looks like.
- How does this trip up the mountain parallel Moses’ ascent up the mountain in Exodus 23?
- What is the significance of Moses and Elijah being present with Jesus?

Application

- In Mark 9:7, (see also Mark 1:9-11) God’s voice is heard from heaven, affirming Jesus as His greatly beloved son and that we should listen to Him. How can we more fully hear and obey Jesus’ voice?
- Where else has God made His glory unmistakably know to the world?
- What does it look like for us to worship Jesus in light of His glory?

Prayer

- Thank God for what He has revealed to you about himself, no matter how small or great.
- Ask God to help you to faithfully live according to what He’s revealed of Himself.

Community Group Discussion

- Read the passage together out loud.
- Involve your group by asking/answering the study questions, taking the time to share.
- Ask for prayer requests and be sure to pray together.

Family Discussion

- Have your child/children read the passage aloud, if old enough otherwise you read it aloud.
- Involve them by asking questions.
- Ask for prayer requests and invite them to pray together as a family.

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These notes can be used for personal bible study, yet, another way would be to invite some people together. We call these intentional gatherings, 'Community Groups'.

What is a Community Group?

Community Groups are small gatherings of believers (non-believers welcomed too!) that meet regularly for accountability, friendship, study of the Bible and prayer. Community Groups are an essential part of the mission of Calvary SLO Church as they are a place where we wrestle with the truths of the Bible and encourage one another toward the life God intends. Each community group is unique and molded by the people who attend it. Most community groups gather weekly and involve food, dialog, prayer, discussion for applying the Bible to practical living, and loving service to one-another. They're meant to be an organic and authentic expression of the church, actively living like the body of Jesus.

Why should I join/start a Community Group?

God is a Trinitarian God who is revealed as one in three persons: Father, Son and Spirit. We've been made to image God, which means we're designed for community & friendship. We often suffer when we're not in community, due to the brokenness of life, complexity of this world and the temptation to isolate ourselves. We encourage you to gather with a small group of friends, family or roommates on a weekly basis and use these discussion notes to press deeper into God.

How do I join the Calvary SLO Community Group eco-system?

We're enthusiastic about all forms of biblical community, however there are definite benefits to joining with the Calvary SLO Community Group (CG) eco-system. In short, the benefits are:

- **Training:** We have trainings intent on equipping leaders.
- **Support:** Each CG leader is assigned a coach to provide assistance and ongoing support.
- **Visibility:** CG's are promoted via the bulletin, website & given access to The City (our online social network).

To join all you have to do is sign up for the next upcoming training! Info: pastor James: james@calvaryslo.com.