

THE GOSPEL OF MARK

The Crown and **Cross** of Christ

Chapter 9: The Transfiguration

We study Scripture to know God, not just know about Him. God is a loving Father who has given His Word for His glory and our good so challenge yourself to read the Word everyday and read it relationally.
2 Timothy 3:16-17.

Start with prayer. Pray that the Holy Spirit would open your heart and mind to the Truth of Scripture and what God is revealing to you through His Word.

DAY 1

Read : Psalm 64 & Mark Chapter 9. What stands out to you? Who are the major characters in this chapter? What settings are they in? What questions do you have?

What does this reveal about God? What does this reveal about man? How does it communicate the Gospel? What commands are there to follow? What sins are there to repent of? How you can apply this text to your life today? (continue to think through these questions everyday as you read and study)

DAY 2

Tuesday is our day to pray and fast together as we reflect on the Supremacy of Christ as a church collective, along with each house church and individual specific prayer focuses.

This week see Jesus is our King.

Read: Psalm 24 , Psalm 29, John 18:33-38

These Psalms praise God for his authority to rule as King over all the earth. The Bible tells us that God has created all things and rules supremely over everything. Remembering His character leads us to worship ("Glory!" in Psalm 29:9) and live our lives seeking Him and submitting to His guidance and control. Jesus was not only confirmed as King but he also made a way for us to enter into the Kingdom of God by his life, death, and resurrection. This good news is the answer to Pilate's question, "What is truth?" (John 18:38). When we believe this good news, we submit to Christ's rule over our lives and proclaim that He has authority to rule over everything.

- Praise God that he is in control of all things, and that nothing exists outside his sovereign reign. Remember that God has all authority to rule over everything and does so perfectly.
- Pray that God would reveal to you how you have bowed to other, lesser kings/idols, and pray that His Holy Spirit would help you turn from these and submit to Jesus as King.
- Praise God that Jesus reigns as the perfect King, and pray for his Kingdom to come (that is, for his power, glory, and love to be made known) in your heart, your home, your neighborhood, our City, our Nation, our World. Pray that he would use us at the Bridge HTX to accomplish His purposes in spreading His good news as He wills.

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DAY 3

Read Psalm 65, Mark Chapter 9

What attitudes and/or actions are being addressed? How should you respond? Take time to pray and ask God to help you in these areas. Share with a brother/sister in Christ and invite them to come alongside you.

DAY 4

Read Psalm 66, Mark 9:2-13

The Transfiguration was an opportunity for the disciples (Peter, James, & John) to experience the glory of Jesus as God & King. It was one of the most undeniable moments of Jesus's kingly glory manifested.

- How does Jesus's willingness to "suffer many things and be treated with contempt" (vs 12) shape & color your reverence, devotion, and love for King Jesus?
- If Jesus - the undeniable King & "beloved Son" - knowingly suffered for our sake & the Father's glory, how can we view our own sufferings (see also James 1:2-3, written by one of the three witnesses to the Transfiguration)?
 - How has your experience of Jesus's kingship strengthened you for trials to come?
- Jesus knew that His undeserved suffering would not end in death, but in resurrection & glorification (vs 9). What does the anticipation of your resurrection & eternal life empower you to persevere & endure through trials?

DAY 5

Read the Psalm 67 and Mark 9 one more time and watch the teaching.

DAY 6

Read Psalm 68 and pray

DAY 7

Read Psalm 69 & 70 and spend time in prayer before gathering with your House Church.

Pray (after) for clarity of How the Truth of God, in Scripture, can transform your mind and life and inform your actions. Pray for your next step of obedience. Pray for your House Church. Pray for the lost in your life.

Scripture is understood in community, so read to know God and bring your understandings to your House Church. "What then, brothers? When you come together, each one has a hymn, a lesson, a revelation, a tongue, or an interpretation. Let all things be done for building up." 1 Corinthians 14:26

Resources- for more study resources, go to www.thebridgehtx.org/resources