

LIFE OF A SERVANT**The Transfiguration Mark 9:2–32**

“I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief.” Mark 9:24

Day 1: Read Mark 9:2–8.

1. a. Who accompanies Jesus up the mountain?

b. On what other occasions does Jesus choose only these three disciples to accompany him? (See Mark 5:35ff and 14:32ff.)
2. What is Jesus doing when he is transfigured? (See Luke 9:29.)
3. What are the disciples probably doing when Jesus is transfigured? (See Luke 9:32.) What might this reveal about the disciples' attitude toward prayer?
4. Be honest—how do you view prayer? Ask God to teach you how to pray.

Day 2: Read Mark 9:2–8.

5. Who appeared with Jesus? What is the significance of that?
6. What attitude lies behind Peter's suggestion in verse 5? Review Mark 8:31—9:1.
7. What do the disciples hear God say in verse 7? Why are his words singularly appropriate for the occasion? (Hint: What does Peter's suggestion show about how well he does this?)

8. Think about yourself—what do your actions and attitudes reveal about how well you listen to Jesus?

Day 3: Read Mark 9:2–13.

9. After this revelation of Christ’s glory, to what does the conversation turn during the walk back down the mountain?

10. What detail does Matthew include in his account (Mt. 17:13) that sheds light on the discussion about the prophecy concerning Elijah?

11. What do you think Jesus wants his disciples to take away from this experience?

Day 4: Read Mark 9:14–32.

12. Describe the scene that Mark depicts in verse 14.

13. What’s the answer to Jesus’ question in verse 16?

14. From Jesus’ words to the disciples in verses 19 and 29, what might have been the cause of their inability to cast out the evil spirit?

15. Ask God to show you how your view of prayer needs to be changed to accord with his view.

Day 5: Read Mark 9:14–32.

16. “Everything is possible for him who believes.” What limits do you put on what God can do?

17. Describe a time when, like the father in verse 24, you experienced mixed belief and unbelief.

18. Look at Matthew 17:19–20 for the rest of the conversation about the boy’s healing that leaves off at Mark 9:29. What do we learn about faith here?