

The Uniqueness of Jesus | Mark 9:1-13
Sermon Discussion Questions
4/15/18

1. This week the sermon started by thinking through some things Pastor Jim loves and that he would consider blessings. Take a moment, share some things you love and why you consider those to be blessings in your life.
2. We were then invited to consider whether all blessings were equal and if there might be something of greater significance and uniqueness. Are all the blessings you mentioned equal? Why or why not? What sets them apart from each other?
3. In Mark 9 we have the story of the Transfiguration. Who appeared before the disciples at this time? What did Peter misunderstand about what had just happened?
4. God addresses Peter's subtle mistake by speaking to them directly. What does God say and what is the implication in what he is saying?
5. What Jesus has done for us, the blessing He is for us, is something that cannot be compared to any other blessing. It stands alone and set apart as the greater thing. All other blessings point to this fact and reflect this. What did Pastor Jim say about this point during the message? How do Peter's words in 2 Peter 1 reflect what he learned?
6. The application of the message was for us to examine how we have responded to the uniqueness of Jesus as a blessing. Pastor Jim used examples of Grace Beyond, the comparison of Jesus' death and that of a soldier's death and the call to share the good news. What did you think of these examples? Where do you think you fall on this subject?
7. As you close, take a moment and discuss what sharing Jesus with others looks like in your own life. Share some examples of how you've engaged whether they were success or failures in it. As Pastor Jim asked, "When people listen to us talk, do they think Jesus occupies a categorically different place in our lives than sports, food, politics or our jobs?" Share with each other, encourage each other and spend time in prayer for each other.