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Mark 9:2-13

1. Describe a time in your life when you needed some encouragement and someone brought to you the eternal perspective of the importance of the eternal work you were doing.

The glory of God changes how we see hardships (vv. 2-4)

2. N.T. Wright describes **God's glory as "the revelation, the shining of who God actually is. It is all of his qualities to the highest degree, the brightness of God's own person and presence."** This is a beautiful definition of glory, but there is something more: The Glory of God should move us. What are some ways the glory of God should move us?
3. Bryson reminded us that both Moses and Elijah encountered the glory of God amid hardship. How might a glimpse of God's glory change how we see our unique and personal hardships?

The comfort and terror of God's glory (vv. 5-6)

4. How might God's glory be a source of comfort to you? How might God's glory be a source of terror to you?

The way of glory (vv. 7-8)

5. Jesus and his disciples hear God the Father affirming His Son Jesus' glory on the Mount of Transfiguration. And later in the gospel, it becomes more clear that

hardship is the path to glory. As you think about hardship being the path to glory for the follower of Jesus, discuss the Serenity Prayer written by Reinhold Neibuhr.

“God grant me the serenity, to accept the things I cannot change; courage to change the things I can; and wisdom to know the difference. Living one day at a time; enjoying one moment at a time; accepting hardships as the pathway to peace; taking, as He did, this sinful world as it is, not as I would have it; trusting that He will make things right if I surrender to His will, so that I may be reasonably happy in this life and supremely happy with Him, forever and ever in the next. Amen.

God's glory is expected, but there is work to be done (vv. 9-13)

6. When you reflect on the weight of God's glory, do you identify more with the hard road of William Wilburforce or the complacent and distracted road of the boy in the museum? In light of God's glory, how might the Holy Spirit be wanting to move you?
7. How can your community group members challenge each other to apply the awesome weight of His glory in the hard work to be done?
8. How can your community group share in applying the comfort of His glory?