

## Real Refreshment – The Podcast: Mark Study

### Mark 9:1-50: Instruction of the Servant

Begin by praying that God's Spirit will bless your time in His word, that He will teach you His truth, that He will meet you right where you are today as you seek Him. Next, read through the whole passage slowly. Try to step into the passage remembering that Mark is recounting real events as Peter told him.

#### Passage breakdown:

##### Mark 9:1-13

Jesus prophesied His suffering in 8:31. What new prophecy does He make in 9:1?

How many days pass since Jesus' teaching in chapter 8?

Who did He take with Him?

Where did they go?

What happened there?

Describe His clothes.

Who also appeared with Jesus?

Which of the disciples spoke up?

What did he say?

Why did he say it?

How were the disciples responding to what they were witnessing?

What happened next?

Whose voice spoke?

How was the voice identified?

What did the voice say?

What happened next?

Where did Jesus and His disciples head next?

What instructions did He give them?

When were they to recount what they had experienced?

About what issue were they discussing?

What question did they ask Jesus?

Who did Jesus say would come first?

What would he do?

What prophecy did Jesus then restate?

For further study see: Matthew 17:1-13 and Luke 9:28-36, noting the similarities and differences and remembering the different perspectives of the authors.

##### Mark 9:14-29

Who did Jesus and His companions rejoin?

Who was arguing with them?

What happened when the crowd saw Jesus?

What question did He ask?

Who spoke up?  
What issue did he explain?  
Who tried to do something?  
What resulted?  
How did Jesus respond?  
What did Jesus ask to be done?  
What happened?  
What question did Jesus ask the man?  
How long had the issue been going on?  
What did the man ask of Jesus?  
What did Jesus declare?  
Who did Jesus rebuke?  
What resulted?  
What did Jesus do?  
What question did the disciples ask Jesus?  
How did He answer them?  
What kind of importance or priority does place on prayer?

Mark 9:30-37

Where did Jesus and His disciples go next?  
What curious thing did Jesus not want anyone to know?  
Why?  
What was Jesus teaching His disciples about?  
Did they understand what He was telling them?  
Why didn't they ask Him about it?  
Where did they go next?  
What question did He ask the disciples?  
Why didn't they want to answer Him?  
How did Jesus respond to their silence?  
What did He say to them?  
How did this reveal that He knew what they had been discussing?  
What did Jesus set before the disciples next?  
How did He explain the receiving Himself?

Mark 9:38-50

Which disciple spoke up next?  
What does he say?  
Why was he concerned?  
How did Jesus respond?  
Who did Jesus say was "for us"?  
What action did Jesus say would be rewarded?  
What warning did Jesus issue?  
Jesus used some extreme statements regarding stumbling. What was His point?  
What sure punishment did Jesus warn His disciples?

In contrast, what will everyone experience?

This isn't the punishment by fire, but a purification, a preservation. How did Jesus describe its importance?

What is possible for our relationships with each other if we are "salted by fire?"

For further study on see: 1 Peter 1:3-9, especially verse 6-7. Consider then the contribution of trials and tribulations and tests upon our faith. How do they contribute to our purification and our preservation?

Here are the "immediately" verses in this week's passage. Note what action takes place immediately:

9:15

9:20

9:24

Take some time to read back over the passage and your notes. Are there parts of this passage that stand out to you? Pray that God will continue to teach you as you meditate on His word, the story of His Son, Jesus.

Consider this:

Have you ever had a 'mountain top experience' with Jesus?

Describe it.

How did it influence your faith? How did it increase your understanding of Him?

Have you known people who have experienced miraculous healings or deliverance from oppressive sins or remarkable life change as a result of their encounter with the Lord?

What about you? What 'healings' have you experienced? What oppressive sins have you been released from? Which ones still nip at your heels? What life-change have you experienced since you encountered the Lord?

Is there an issue or situation or relationship in your life with which you have a lingering?

Do you believe all things are possible for God? Why or why not?

Is there something about the necessity of Jesus death on the cross that you don't understand? What questions do you have? Is there a pastor or mentor you could discuss these questions with?

How have you received Christ?

Are you aware of those parts of your body which cause you to sin? Which ones are they?

What can you do to control your body?

What are some 'fires' with which you've been salted? How have they purified you?

Preserved you?