

Peaks and Valleys

Matthew 17:1-9

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Series

Reflect

Outline: Recap

Realize

Points to Ponder

Respond

Questions to draw out understanding.

REFLECT

Sometimes the best views are from the peaks of mountain tops. But one thing we can easily observe is that nothing grows on the mountain tops. All of the real plant life happens deep in the valleys. The same is true for us spiritually. Jesus may reveal things to us in certain seasons, but He always desires that we would live out what we know.

REALIZE

1. God is the source of the resource.

- **Scripture Reference;** Psalm 118:8
- **Leader Notes**
 - Sometimes we give God's glory to the wrong person, place, or thing.
- **Questions for Reflection**
 - What are three things in your life for which you are giving God glory and thanks?

2. Fear is an appropriate response.

- **Scripture Reference;** Proverbs 2:5
- **Leader Notes**
 - There is such a thing as healthy fear.
- **Questions for Reflection**
 - What is one example of how you have cultivated a healthy fear of God?
 - If you haven't, what can you do today to help you walk in a healthy fear of the Lord?

3. The vision is lived out in the Valley

- **Scripture Reference;** 2 Peter 1:15-19
- **Leader Notes**
 - Though the sights at the mountaintop are beautiful, we are not intended to live in isolation.
- **Questions for reflection**
 - How will you carry the message God gave you into your unique social circles this week?
 - With whom will you share? Whom should you invite to church next week?

Optional Follow-up Questions:

- What makes you say that?
- How do you feel about that?
- How would you explain your answer to a non-Christian friend or neighbor?
- Why did God design it to work that way? Why not just do (whatever else) instead?
- What would you say to someone who disagrees with that?
- Why do we really have to do it like that? Why can't we just go (some other route) instead?