

Getting to Know Each Other.

Share light refreshments. Go around the group and introduce yourselves and talk through this question: *"What is the highest mountain you have ever climbed?"* *

Follow up. Did you get to share with someone about Jesus this past week?
Or how else did you obey Jesus?

Vision. Jesus told us to "Make disciples." The purpose of our Life Group is: To help people become Believers in Jesus and grow up to become Disciple Makers.

Bible Study Introduction. During His time on earth, Jesus looked just like any other man. But there was one occasion when a few of Jesus' disciples caught a glimpse of some of the shining glory that He must have had before He was born of the virgin Mary. Only three of Jesus' disciples got to be a part of this event.

Pray. Before we read the Scripture, let's pray that God will speak to each one of us.

Read. We will read through the passage three times and then discuss it, so listen carefully. Get three people to read **Mark 9:2-10**. **

Discuss these questions, one at a time, encouraging everyone who wants to respond to do so. Remind the group: Keep your answers based just on this passage.

1. What stands out or surprises you in this passage?
2. What does it show us about people and choices we can make?
 - What would have been the result if Peter, James, or John didn't feel like climbing a high mountain that day and decided not to go?
 - What are some examples experiences Jesus might want us to have but we miss out on because we don't want to take the time or make the investment it requires?
3. What does this passage show us about God?
 - Peter came up with a plan for a building project, but that was not God's plan. Based on what God the Father said, what does He want us to have as our first priority?
 - What are some ways we can listen to Jesus and hear Him speaking to us personally?
 - What do you feel like Jesus is saying to you through this passage of Scripture?

Obeying Jesus. As disciples of Jesus, we want to follow Jesus in whatever way He is leading us today. As we pray silently for 30 seconds, see if God speaks to your heart. Pray something like this: *"Lord Jesus, what do you want me to do with what You are showing me today?"* [30 sec. silent prayer]

Remember to obey what God is saying to you. And this week ask God who He wants you to talk with about Jesus. Let's close in prayer.

Closing Prayer.

Pray something like: "Lord, prepare the hearts of the people we will be sharing the Good News of Jesus with this week. And give us strength and joy as we follow You. In Jesus' name, Amen."

* If there are no new people, you can skip the "icebreaker."
** Reading from different translations often helps.