

Gospel of Mark, Week 3! Bible study is like weight loss – a little sacrifice each week to accomplish a goal gets us where we want to go. If you want to pick up the intensity (and identify with Mark 8:3) pick a day of the week to fast. Eat breakfast, then skip lunch and dinner and resume by eating breakfast the next day.

Chapter 8 – Two Takes Required

Three stories in this chapter deal with people needing to experience Jesus twice in order to understand who he is. Let's take a look at the two feeding stories and write a description for each below.

Mark 6:30-44

Mark 8:1-13

Read Mark 8:14-21 – Do the disciples know who Jesus is? Should they know?

Now look at Mark 8:22-25 – Why do you think the man needed to be touched by Jesus twice?

When was a time Jesus needed to reach out to you a second time?

Finally, look at Peter in Mark 8:27-38. What two experiences does Peter have with Jesus? Would you say Peter needs a second chance?

Chapter 9 – A Collection of Actions and Teaching

The Transfiguration:

Who was Moses? (check out Exodus 3)

Who was Elijah? (check out 1 Kings Ch. 17-18)

What would you say Moses, Elijah, and Jesus have in common?

The Disciples:

Read Mark 9:33-36. Taking this story and other mentions of the disciples in Mark's gospel, what is your opinion of the disciples so far?

What does Mark 9:33-36 reveal about Jesus' team?

Chapter 10 – Teachings and Turning Toward Jerusalem

In Mark 8:31-38 and Mark 10:32-34 Jesus predicts his death. What common predictions do these two passages share?

When you think of Jesus suffering and dying, what emotions/images come to mind?

How does Jesus' suffering make the disciples look in Mark 10:35-45?

What requests are you making of Jesus now? Which are significant and which are petty?