

Mission #3: Prayer

Mark 9:14 is just after the transfiguration, so who besides Moses and Elijah was involved?

Read Mark 9:14-29.

Who is the “they” in Mark 9:14?

Who is the “him” in Mark 9:15? (Mark 9:8, 21)

What is the most obvious truth that this passage communicates?

Are there any unusual but still obvious truths communicated by this passage? (Mark 9:19, 29).

I challenge you to study the classical passages on prayer.

Read Matthew 6:1, 5-15

What kind of prayer does Jesus warn people against? (Matthew 6:5-8)

Based on how Jesus told us to start prayer, what seems to be the primary focus of Christian prayer? (Matthew 6:9-10)

What does it reveal about a person if he says, “I tried prayer, but it didn’t work”?

If you shared a problem with a friend and she texted you back, “GWBD,” would you know what that means?

Why bread? (Matthew 6:11)

Why daily?

Why is forgiveness so important? (Matthew 6:12)

How is forgiveness even possible? (2 Corinthians 5:15, 21; 1 Peter 3:18)

Why forgive others? (Matthew 6:14-15)

Of all the things people pray about, what does Jesus indicate is really important? (Matthew 6:13)

I also challenge you to search for hidden insights in the Bible on prayer. Just a few of the many that can be found are here: Job 42:7-8; Psalm 66:18; Luke 18:1-14.

Mission #3:

Your mission should you choose to accept it is (1) to use the Model Prayer in Matthew 6:9-13 as an outline or a guide for a personal prayer to God for 40 days and (2) to commit yourself as a follower of Christ to be devoted to prayer (Colossians 4:2) all your life. Sign here to signify you accept this mission. Report back when the mission has been accomplished.

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If you lead anyone through this study, please let Dag know (575-825-5619 or dag.sewell@enmu.edu), including any suggestions you have for improvements or future studies.