

A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study
Date: August 5, 2018
Mark 9:30-35

1. What place were they leaving in verse 30?
 - a. I don't know.
 - b. The place near the bottom of the mount of transfiguration where the disciples had been arguing with the people because the disciples were unable to drive the spirit out of a man's son.

2. What does the second part of verse 30 and verse 31 say about Jesus's desire for the people?
 - a. He wanted a crowd to gather so that he could teach them.
 - b. He did not want anyone to know where they were.
 - c. It seems that Jesus wanted to teach his disciples something that was not apparently intended primarily for the general public.
 - d. Jesus was trying to explain to his disciples what was about to happen, namely that he was about to be killed and then he would rise again after three days.
 - e. Jesus need his disciples to understand what was going to happen so that they would know when it happens and be able to tell everyone else what was happening when it happened.

3. How did that work, according to verse 32?
 - a. They were ready. They understood and were ready for what would happen and were ready to proclaim this good news to everyone when it came to pass.
 - b. They didn't understand, so they asked tons of questions to try to clarify and make sure they understood and were ready.
 - c. They were embarrassed and afraid, so they didn't ask...so they didn't know what Jesus wanted them to know.

4. Do we ever do this in church or Bible study? Yes_____ No_____ Explain. _____

5. Do we create environments in our Bible studies where people are welcome to ask questions? Yes_____ No_____ Explain. _____

6. What happened, according to verses 33-34, on the road to Capernaum?
 - a. They had understood Jesus's teaching so well that they were discussing the plan of God excitedly.
 - b. They were so selfish that they only seemed to care about who was first...Jesus and His kingdom had become a status symbol for them.
 - c. They were so ignorant of God's plan that Jesus was trying to explain to them that they thought that they were still discussing an earthly kingdom in which they would have earthly power.

7. How did Jesus respond, according to verse 35? _____

8. Do we still misunderstand the kingdom of God and look for status in this world and the Church rather than in eternity? Yes_____ No_____ Explain. _____