

## How To Ruin God's Plan For Us

### **Setting the scene:**

Mark 9:2-10

Moses:

The books of Exodus & Numbers

Elijah:

1 Kings 17-18

Cloud:

Exodus 13:21-22, 16:10, 19:9-16, 24:15-18, 33:9-10, 34:5, 1 Kings 8:10-11

### **How to mess up God's plan:**

Mark 9:5-7

- 1) Make sure that Jesus is **part of our life**.
- 2) Try to do something big **for Jesus**.
- 3) Deal with God's **frustration** and **disappointment** with us.

### **Lessons from the mountaintop:**

Mark 8:29-38, 2 Peter 1:16-17, John 15:1-17, Romans 12:1-2

- Don't call Jesus **Lord** until you understand **Lordship**.
- Jesus will never be **part of** our life, but will gladly take **all of** our life.
- We need to re-define surrender as not losing **our life**, but gaining **our life**.

## Food for Thought for the week of July 21, 2019

(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

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1. This weekend we heard about how instead of simply identifying Jesus as one of the great things in our lives, we need to make and keep him as THE GREATEST thing. Write down some of the things in your life that are great:

Of those you listed, are any outside the covering of Jesus' greatness and rule?

What would your life be like if God were to take away the things you haven't completely surrendered to him?

What changes do you need to make to get these things back under his covering?

2. Often we may want to make a change but don't know how, or struggle in doing so. In Romans 12:1-19, the apostle Paul provides some guidance. Which verses of his instruction call out to you the loudest? What specific actions could you begin to take in the coming week that show evidence of a renewed and transformed mind?

3. Too often we try to live good lives *so that* God will bless us, instead of in response to *how* he has blessed us. Read the following verses below. Jot down some thoughts about how they might change your way of placing and keeping all of the great things in your life under his authority:

### **2 Corinthians 5:16-21** (New International Version (NIV))

<sup>16</sup> So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. <sup>17</sup> Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: <sup>18</sup> The old has gone, the new is here! <sup>18</sup> All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: <sup>19</sup> that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. <sup>20</sup> We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup> God made him who had no sin to be sin <sup>21</sup> for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

### **1 Corinthians 6:19-20** (New International Version (NIV))

<sup>19</sup> Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; <sup>20</sup> you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.

### **Romans 6:11-14** (New International Version (NIV))

<sup>11</sup> In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus. <sup>12</sup> Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. <sup>13</sup> Do not offer any part of yourself to sin as an instrument of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer every part of yourself to him as an instrument of righteousness. <sup>14</sup> For sin shall no longer be your master, because you are not under the law, but under grace.

### **John 17:1-5** (New International Version (NIV))

<sup>17</sup> After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed:

"Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. <sup>2</sup> For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. <sup>3</sup> Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. <sup>4</sup> I have brought you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup> And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began.