



Mark: Following Jesus Immediately – Monument or Movement

Introduction: There are moments that we want time to stand still because we don't want the experience to go away. Those moments can even be spiritual "highs." What if those highs, were meant to give you fuel for the longer journey of faith?

Discussion Questions

1. Tell of a time where you wished you could freeze a moment? Have you ever had a spiritual "mountaintop" moment? If so, how do you see that moment's long-term impact on you?
2. Read **Mark 9:2-13** What do you make of Moses and Elijah's presence with Jesus? How does Jesus' life and ministry connect to Moses and Elijah?
3. Why do you think Peter suggests building shelters for them? What is the appeal of wanting to stay on the mountain with Jesus (Moses & Elijah)?
4. In the sermon Jeremy talked about some church history including the repeated pattern of staying still or tying faith to a location instead of a movement. What is the problem with seeing the "church" as a place instead of as a movement?
5. What does the voice of God in the cloud say? Why did they (and we) need to be told to "listen to Him?"
6. What are some things we are tempted to listen to instead of Jesus? Are there good things we can sometimes listen to more than Jesus? How can those mountaintop moments that we occasionally have be used to motivate us to follow Jesus more closely?

Shaping Your Mind – *"This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!" Mark 9:7b*

Moving Forward – Make sure the voices you listen to are aligned with Jesus.