**A Study through Mark**

**Bible Study Tips**

1. Be consistent (daily is the goal)
2. Start your time with prayer: ask God to show you what He wants you to see
3. Use all your resources to learn about this text, so you may better understand it: [www.biblestudytools.com](http://www.biblestudytools.com) is great. Look for text in New American Standard Bible (NASB) edition. Then under tools select “Strong’s Numbers.” You can then select the hyper-linked words for the definitions and usage in the original languages. You can also find commentaries by smart people on this text. Google is also very good.
4. Take notes and write down questions
5. Read it, analyze it, and apply it
6. Finish your time with prayer: ask God to help you apply what you read

Bible Project Intro Video: see <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HGHqu9-DtXk>

**Mark 9
Suggested Preparation:**

Wednesday: Read Mark 9

 Thursday: Read 2 Peter 1 (Jesus fulfilled prophecy)

 Friday: Read Psalm 2 (the coronation of Jesus)

 Saturday: Read Mark 9

Sunday: Read Philippians 1 (advance the Gospel)

Monday: Read Isaiah 66 (choose your fate wisely)

Tuesday: Read Mark 9

**Small Group Time (60 Minutes)**

**Welcome and Member Care (10 Minutes)**

**Discussion Questions (40 Minutes)**

Emphasis: The Transfigured Christ

1. Jesus took his key disciples up a mountain and was transfigured. Look up transfigured and share some notes with your group. This is really the culmination of Jesus’ preparation to be our sacrificial lamb on the cross. His ministry was mostly done and he had predicted his death and resurrection. Please read 2 Peter 1:16-18 for Peter’s account. What can we take from this as followers of Jesus?
2. Verses 14-29 can be confusing. The disciples could not drive out a demon, but two main things are presented here. What does Jesus tell the father of the boy in verse 23? What does that mean for you as you live your life? Second, what role do prayer and fasting have in your life (verse 29)?
3. Read verses 33-37. Draw out of this some good principles about leadership. Also, what can you discover here about how Jesus used a child to describe how we should demonstrate our faith in him?
4. What can you see in verses 38-41 that provide context for us having multiple denominations of Christianity? What should we all agree upon as followers of Jesus? What can be okay to be denominational?
5. What is Jesus trying to teach in the last section of the chapter (verses 42-50)? How does he say we should deal with sin and temptation in our lives? Is that how you are doing it? Or, do you let the temptations linger too long?
6. Identify any leadership applications from this passage.
7. Anything else you want to highlight or share with your group?

**Close out in Prayer (10 Minutes)**