

Series: The Kingdom Is Here
Passage: Mark 9:2-13
Speaker: Pastor Jon

THE LIFE CHALLENGE

CONNECT

Did your family camp when you were growing up or now? What is your experience with camping? Do you have a favourite spot?

OR share about a time you stayed somewhere too long.



IDENTITY

Share about a significant spiritual experience in your life. Where was it? What happened? Do you think encounters like this are essential? Why/why not?

Do you find it hard or easy (or both) to believe that God wants to reveal Himself to you in encounter? Why do you think this is?

Sometimes we can feel too undeserving or ashamed to draw near and behold the glory of Jesus. **Read Ephesians 1:3-14 together.** Listen for all the amazing blessings we receive because of Jesus. What things stand out to give us confidence in drawing near to Jesus?

“we become
what we
behold”

THE EXAMEN

Pastor Jon made this challenging statement. Do you agree or disagree? How would you want this to change your life/time spent?

Why do you think we all share a longing for past spiritual experiences and trying to recreate them? If Jesus were standing in front of you, what do you think He would say to invite you forward?

PRACTICE

If you have time, try reading **Colossians 1:15-20** as Lectio Divina, asking Jesus to enable you to behold Him in some way. If you feel comfortable, share your experience with the group.

Lectio Divina

One person read the passage through out loud slowly two or three times. Then wait quietly. Share your impressions.

PRAY TOGETHER

Take some time to reflect. **How is Jesus inviting us to respond to Him?**

- maybe someone in the group feels they need a fresh encounter with Jesus
- maybe someone in the group feels they would like to stop holding on to past experiences.
- maybe someone in the group feels the difficulty of living everyday life with Jesus.

Take time to pray for each situation or whatever people sense Jesus' invitation to.