

DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM GUIDE

Matthew Season 5: Impossible to Possible
Episode 5: Mount of Transfiguration/Kid Pain
June 25 & 28, 2026
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2026 - Summer trimester: 6/1–7/27 **Fall trimester:** 8/17–12/7

We created a “Questions Only Curriculum” that you can send to your group if they would like to prepare for your meeting. It’s on the group curriculum page right next to the regular “Curriculum.”

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Summer serve opportunities for all ages: Family-friendly options like hosting a lemonade stand to support local ministry partners. [Click here](#) to see where you and your disciple group can serve.

Riverside Campus Vision Night, Sunday, July 12, 5:30pm, Jacksonville Classical Academy: Join us for a night of prayer, worship and vision for our Riverside campus. Text "Riverside" to 441122 for more.

Men's Bible Study, June 3–August 5, 6:00am–7:00am: Join us on Wednesday mornings as we go deeper into the Matthew series through an early-morning Bible study led by Pastor Joby and our teaching team. Campus locations: Fleming Island, Jesup, North Jax, Palatka, San Pablo, St. Augustine, St. Johns.

THIS WEEK’S READING PLAN: Download our app for [Apple](#) or [Android](#). Click the “Daily” icon at the bottom of the app for our daily Bible reading plan.

Share Wins, Praises and Prayers: Where did you see God move this week?

Action Step Review: Last week’s action step: *“When you pray, start with thanking God for Jesus Christ then pray about what you need to lay down in your life. Write down five specific ways God has been faithful in your life. Thank Him for each one and ask Him to strengthen your faith by reminding you of all He’s done for you.”*
How did God answer your prayers? What did you learn about God? About yourself?

The Point: God does not reveal Himself to us so that we can sit and soak it up on the mountain top but so that we can be sent and serve on Mission.

Sermon Text: *Psalm 104; Matthew 17:1-20; Mark 9:14-29*

Discussion Questions

Leaders: Please use the questions in the curriculum to facilitate discussion of the sermon and the Scriptures. **But there's no need to answer every question.** The goal is to get your group members talking more than you and to get them going deeper.

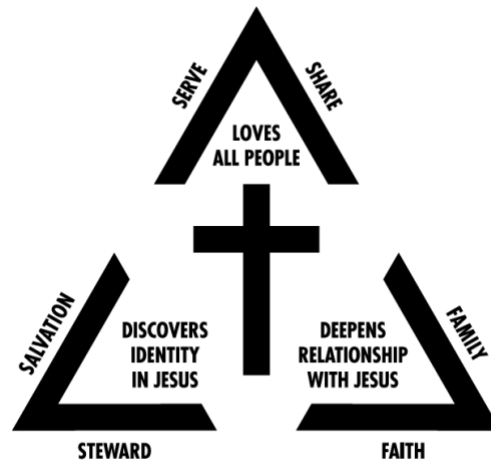
- **Read Matthew 17:1-20 and Mark 9:14-29. What stood out to you this week in the sermon, in the Scriptures and what God revealed to you about Himself?**
- **Discover:** Why do you think Jesus revealed His glory to Peter, James and John on the mountain top? *(Perhaps seeing Jesus displaying His divine glory, confirmation that He is the fulfillment of the Law [Moses] and the Prophets [Elijah] and the Father's command to "listen to Him" was preparation before they entered the difficult ministry waiting in the valley.)*
Deepen: What does this teach us about God's character? *(God equips us for His mission. He strengthens our faith before and in difficult seasons. Jesus is fully God and worthy of worship. God knows what we need before we do.)*
- **What does the contrast between the mountain top (glory) and the valley (suffering, demonic oppression, desperate need) teach us about following Jesus and our mission?** *(We gather to encounter God, worship Him and be filled, but we are sent into the valley where ministry and broken people are. The church is more like an ER than a country club. Mountain top experiences can fuel our valley mission.)*
- **Peter wanted to build a camp for everyone at the top of the mountain. Is there an area of life where you're tempted to stay in your comfort zone?**
- **Sometimes we can be like Peter and talk way more to God than we should listen to Him. Share the practical ways you create time to listen to God.**
- **Discover:** When have you experienced an "impossible" situation that reminded you how desperately you needed Jesus?
Deepen: When you're in a valley, what do you do, and in what order? *(See Matthew 17:20 and Mark 9:28-29. Is prayer a first response or a last resort? Are you sometimes just trying to act like Jesus without being plugged into His power through prayer?)*
- **Discover:** God the Father said, "This is my beloved Son... listen to Him." What voices compete for your attention more than the voice of Jesus? *(What is it for you - social media, news, politics, entertainment, fear, nonbelieving friends and family, your own voice and personal feelings, the whispers of the enemy, busyness?)*
Deepen: How can you intentionally become more disciplined by God's Word than by the world? *(Use apps to put time limits on social media, spend consistent time in the Word, prayer, worship, fellowship with believers, watching sermons, listening to spirit-filled podcasts, etc.)*
- **Read Mark 9:23-24. The father prayed one of the most honest prayers ever: "I believe; help my unbelief!" What does his prayer, and Jesus's response, teach us?** *(Jesus wants you to come to Him with your faith AND your doubts. You don't have to pretend with Him. You can have faith and doubt at the same time. Jesus meets you right where you are.)*

Action Step: Each morning this week, pray: "Jesus, I believe. Help my unbelief." Ask Him to strengthen your faith in one specific area where you are struggling to trust Him. Declare that you are a believer, and you trust that if He can calm the winds and waves, and if the tomb is empty, that anything is possible!

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