

February Memory Verse

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

Matthew 11:28-30

February Big Picture Question

What makes Jesus different?

Jesus is God's One and only Son.

Jesus taught that whoever wants to follow Him will have to give up their life.

*Some of Jesus's friends (Peter, James and John) heard God speak aloud and say these words about Jesus, "This is my Son, whom I love, with Him I am well pleased. Listen to Him."

Day One

16:1-12

Discussion questions:

- Jesus rebukes both the Pharisees/ Saducees and the disciples. Compare and contrast these two groups of people.
- Talk about who the Pharisees and Saducees were. Why do you Jesus warned the disciples about their teaching?

Quiz yourself:

- What story does Jesus ask the disciples to remember when He questions their faith?

Day Two

16:13-28

Discussion questions:

- In vs. 17-19 How do you think Jesus's words made Peter feel? Do you think Peter thought this meant something different than what Jesus really meant?
- What do you think it means to deny yourself and take up your cross and follow Jesus? Think about the practical application of day to day living.

Quiz Yourself:

- Why was Peter praised?
- Why was Peter rebuked?

Day Three

17:1-13

Discussion questions:

- Why do you think it was only Peter, James and John that Jesus took up the mountain to witness the transfiguration? What about the other disciples?
- Why do you think the disciples fell face down when God spoke? Why do you think Jesus touched them when he told them to get up?

Quiz yourself:

- Who did Peter, James and John see on top of the mountain?
- What did God say about Jesus?

Day Four

17: 14-20

Discussion questions:

- The boy's father proclaimed aloud that the disciples weren't able to heal his son. Why do you think the disciples went to Jesus in private?
- Jesus told the disciples that if they have faith as small as a mustard seed, nothing will be impossible for them. As Jesus followers, how can a lack of faith prevent or inhibit our Kingdom work?

Quiz Yourself:

- Why did the father come to Jesus? What was wrong with his son?
- Who was not able to heal the boy? Who was able to heal him?

Day Five

17:22-26

Discussion Questions:

- Compare and contrast 17:22-23 and 16:21-28. What are the disciples's response in each story? What do you think changed to make them respond differently?
- Obviously, Jesus is not afraid to offend people. But in vs. 27 He says, "so that we may not cause offense....." What makes this situation different?

Quiz Yourself:

- Where were the disciples supposed to get the money to pay the temple tax?