"Transformations"

Mark 9:2-29

Introductory Question

Q – If you could take three people up a mountain to meet God, whom would you take and why?

Discussion Questions

- 1) **Mark 9:1-13.** How would you describe your relationship with God right now: In the valley? On the mountaintop? Climbing? Other?
- 2) Which disciples does Jesus take with him to the top of the mountain? What do they see and hear (vv.2-4)?
- 3) What do you know about Moses? Elijah? Why do you think God arranged this high-level meeting with them when and where he does?
- 4) What was right and/or wrong with Peter's response (vv.5-6)?
- 5) How do the words from heaven in v.7 compare with the heavenly voice in 1:11? How would this experience be an encouragement to Jesus as he drew nearer to his time of suffering and death?
- 6) Why was Elijah's coming (vv.11-13; cf. Malachi 4⁵⁻⁶) so important (Malachi 4⁵⁻⁶)?
- 7) What spot or experience has been like the Mount of Transfiguration for you?
- 8) **Read Mark 9:14—29.** Who do you feel for, or identify with, most in this story? Why?
- 9) While the three disciples were up on the mountain, what problem were the others having? How did they deal with it?
- 10) How were the following people in the story feeling when Jesus arrived (the father & son, the disciples, the teachers of the law)? What do you think was the tone of Jesus' discussion with the boy's father?
- 11) What lesson(s) do you think the father and his son left with?
- 12) What lingering question(s) and lasting impressions did the disciples leave with?
- 13) What lingers question(s) or lasting impression(s) are you taking with you from today's stories?