



Mountains, Valleys & Plains

Scripture: Matthew 17:1-9

Theophanies = (*theo*) _____ & (*epiphany*) _____

Moses represents _____

Elijah represents _____

The heart of _____ is Jesus.

Part of our calling is to _____ in _____ of faith in our Master.

God never meant for us to live _____ or _____ the mountaintop.

God is with us, not only on the mountaintops, but also at the very bottom in the _____.

God is with us in the _____, in the midst of the _____.

Start talking.

- What was one of your mountaintop experiences in life?
- Of all the places you call “God’s country,” which is your favorite?

Start thinking.

- It’s been 6 days since Peter confessed who he believed Jesus to be and Christ predicted his death. Why is that context important to what happens in 17:1-9?
- What does Moses represent in the story? Elijah? Why was Peter’s response inappropriate?

Start sharing.

- How did you come to realize that Jesus was the one above all others that you should listen to?
- How has God said to you, “This is my child, whom I love, with whom I am well pleased?”

Start praying. *Be bold and pray with power.*

God, I confess that Jesus is the Christ. I also confess that I haven’t always listened well. Help me to remember the moments that you’ve spoke especially clearly to me that I might remember in the valleys and in the ordinary moments of life.

Start doing. *Commit to a step and live it out this week.*

- Pray daily for God to reveal Himself to you and one other person you choose to pray for.
- Offer to God whatever situation in life you happen to be that you would be found faithful of listening and obedience.
- Pray about whatever message God has for you right now. Start taking steps to be obedient.