

# DRAW NEAR

And Be Amazed!  
Mark 9:1-13

Message: November 1, 2020

**Key thought:** When you draw near to Jesus and see His DEITY and GLORY you will be amazed! You will be changed!

## Discuss:

- Pick one and share: Tell about a time that you met a celebrity OR tell about a time in your life that you were in awe or amazement. How did/has this experience impacted you?
- The first line of a great hymn says, "I stand amazed in the presence of Jesus the Nazarene." What does it look like to be amazed in the presence of God?
- Read Mark 9:2-13. This account is known as "The Transfiguration," which means metamorphosis, or to change the outside to match the inside. How does this passage specifically reveal both the deity (divine nature) and the glory of Jesus?
- The purpose of the transfiguration was to validate Jesus' deity and to strengthen/embolden the disciples. How do you think that you would have responded if you were one of the disciples there that day? How can you see this experience both strengthening and emboldening the disciples for ministry?

## Apply:

- Read Mark 9:5-6. When we truly see Jesus, we are amazed and changed! What stands out to you about the person of Jesus in this passage? What is amazing to you personally about the person of Jesus?
- "Amazed - To be greatly stunned, lost, speechless, awestruck, or throw into a violent fright." Based on this definition, how often do you feel that you are properly amazed in the presence of God? What in your life often discourages this from happening? When do you feel most amazed in the presence of God?
- We learn from our passage that when we truly see Jesus, we are not only amazed but are changed. Read 2 Peter 1:16-18. How do you see the disciples' lives impacted and changed by seeing Jesus' deity and glory? How has God revealing Himself changed you?
- The disciples received and responded to the invitation to experience Jesus. We have also been given that same invitation. Read Psalm 63:1-8. In light of these passages and the truths of this message, how are you specifically strengthened or emboldened? What do you need prayer for most as you seek the presence of the living God?

## Together:

Pray for one another in regards to the areas mentioned above. Pray for the church to continue to be empowered, changed, and emboldened as we seek the face and presence of God together.

