

INDOCTRINATING THE TWELVE DISCIPLES *from* MARK 9:33-37
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The surest test of spirituality is not on the mountaintop, but in the valley. Peter, James and John experienced a time of intense spiritual refreshment on the mountain, but back in the valley, it all seemed to no avail. In our last session, we looked at their spiritual immaturity illustrated in their failure to help the demon possessed boy. In Mark 9:30-37, there are two more indications of their spiritual immaturity that must be addressed if they are to be ready to continue Christ's ministry once He ascends into glory.

I. Revealing A Shocking Pronouncement (Mark 9:30-31)

A. Instruction in the Divine Plan (9:30-31)

B. Incoherency of the Divine Plan (9:32)

II. Reproving A Selfish Propensity (Mark 9:33-37)

A. Improper Ambition (9:33-34)

B. Illustrative Assertion (9:35-37)