

Monday (Feb.18 <sup>th</sup> )	<p><b>Scripture: Mark 8:27-30</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What is the <i>significance</i> in Jesus' question: "Who do people say I am?" Vs. 27 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Why would some say <i>Jesus is John the Baptist, Elijah, or one of the prophets?</i> Vs. 28</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. What <i>truth</i> about Jesus and the Christian faith can we learn from Peter's answer: "You are the Christ"? Vs. 29b <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Who do you say Jesus is? Why?</i> Vs. 29a</li> <li>• <i>Do you truly have a personal relationship with Jesus? What do you base this relationship on? Why?</i></li> </ul> </li> </ol>
Tuesday (Feb.19 <sup>th</sup> )	<p><b>Scripture: Mark 8:31-9:1</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What <i>facts</i> did Jesus tell us <i>about himself</i> as the Son of Man? Vs. 31 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is <i>wrong, illogical, or interesting</i> about Peter's reaction? Why do you think Peter reacted as such? Vs. 32</li> <li>• How did Jesus' response to Peter's reaction? Why? Vs. 33</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. What <i>radical change in one's life</i> does Jesus require for those who truly follow him? Why? Vs. 34-38 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What do you think it really <i>means to "follow Jesus"</i>? Do you truly "follow Jesus"? If yes, how so? If no, what are your struggles?</li> <li>• What do you think is the <i>scariest reality/fact in verse 38?</i> How are you being reminded?</li> </ul> </li> </ol>
Wednesday (Feb.20 <sup>th</sup> )	<p><b>Scripture: Mark 9:2-13</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Imagine you were one of the three disciples at the transfiguration. How would you react as you witness Jesus' transfiguration? Vs. 2-4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Would you have made the <i>same suggestion as Peter?</i> Why/why not? Vs. 5-6</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. What do you think is the <i>symbolism of "a voice came from the cloud" and "Listen to him!"?</i> Vs. 7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What <i>areas in your life</i> you still struggle to truly listen to Jesus? Why?</li> <li>• Ponder on this thought: <i>If we do not listen/obey the voice of Jesus, then we reject the Son of Man. How sensitive are you to His voice?</i></li> </ul> </li> </ol>
Thursday (Feb.21 <sup>st</sup> )	<p><b>Scripture: Mark 9:14-32</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How did Jesus describe the generation in his time? Vs. 19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How is <i>our generation similar to Jesus' generation?</i></li> <li>• What do you think <i>occupies people's minds throughout generations that distant their faith to believe/weaken their faith</i><sup>1</sup>? Why?</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. How did the father ask Jesus for help &amp; how did Jesus respond? Vs.22b-24 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Why do you think the <i>disciples could not drive out the evil spirit</i> for they do have the power to do so? Vs. 17-18, 28-29</li> <li>• What then does Jesus teach us about the power of prayer in his statement: "only by prayer"? Vs. 29</li> </ul> </li> </ol>

Friday (Feb.22 <sup>nd</sup> )	<p><b>Scripture: Mark 9:33-37</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. If the questions of <i>rank and status are normal</i> and played an important role in the life of Jewish groups at that time, how come they had no place in Jesus' value system<sup>2</sup>? Vs. 33-34 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What should Christians do/how should we live to better testify Jesus' value system to the world?</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. How does Jesus teach us to live our Christian life in the world? Vs. 35 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Observe and evaluate your testimony in and out of church. Do you live a Christian servant-hood life-style? How so? If not, why not?</li> <li>• What do you think being very last, servant of all, and welcome the One who sent Jesus have to do with who is the greatest?</li> </ul> </li> </ol>
Saturday (Feb.23 <sup>rd</sup> )	<p><b>Scripture: Mark 9:38-41</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What do you think about John's comment/viewpoint that the man "was not one of us"? Is there anything wrong about his comment? Why/why not? Vs. 38 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is your viewpoint on the Christians<sup>3</sup> who may be different from you?</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. What do you think Jesus meant when he said "No one who does a miracle in my name can in the next moment say anything bad about me..."? Vs. 39 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is the <i>significance/important teaching of verse 41?</i></li> <li>• As a believer in Christ, what small acts of kindness have you done to others this past week?</li> </ul> </li> </ol>
Sunday (Feb.24 <sup>th</sup> )	<p><b>Scripture: Psalms 39</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How did David describe his anxiety in his silence before God? Vs. 1-3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Why do you think it is important to regularly practice silence before God?</li> <li>• Do you practice silence before God? How so? If not, why not?</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. According to David, what is the reality of the brief span of human life? Vs. 4-6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How does the reality of human life span remind you to live your life for God?</li> </ul> </li> <li>3. What did David ask God to grant him/how did he plead for help? Vs. 7-13 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Base on your current life/spiritual condition, what prayer would you write to God today? Why?</li> </ul> </li> </ol>

<sup>1</sup>Christians' faith is sometimes weakened by our surroundings as well. Unconsciously, we are being influenced/polluted everyday by the mindset of our generation. So we must stand firm in God's word.

<sup>2</sup>The NIV Study Bible, p. 1512.

<sup>3</sup>These are good Christians who are strongly rooted in God's word/teaching and live a healthy Christian life-style, yet may be different from your style.