



Sunday 10th August 2017

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Peter speaks folly and learns about listening

Mark 9:2-10

1. Read the verses above. Allan said that this was the first stage of Peter's life as an "immature, impetuous person but who loved Jesus Christ". How did you feel as you read this passage in terms of how would you have felt to be with Jesus as His countenance changed dramatically before your eyes and as you saw Moses and Elijah and heard God's voice? Can you think of any situations you have been in when you were very emotional and said or did things you later regretted and had to ask for forgiveness – can you share any of these situations and how did you grow from it?
2. Read Exodus 34 :27 - 35. Compare the two passages and the situations on the mountain how similar and dissimilar are they and what does this teach us about fearing the Lord God and how should we live for Him?
3. Read 2 Peter 2:1-11. Note especially verses 3-4. Allan said "If you put your foot wrong yesterday this does not destroy your witness. Every story about Peter, he got it wrong - yet he knew that God forgave him". What do you think about the promises of God like "I will never leave you", "I will pour out my Spirit on you", "I will lead you". Discuss these promises in regards to verse 3-4. Does this give you comfort and strength? How does this passage contrast with Peter's reaction in the transfiguration passage and how different is he now?
4. Read 2 Peter 3 :11-17. What does this passage say about Peter's maturity in the Lord and how do you feel about your own maturity in the Lord? Why did Peter write "He [Paul] writes the same way in all his letters, speaking in them of these matters. His letters contain some things that are hard to understand, which ignorant and unstable people distort, as they do the other scriptures, to their own destruction"? How do you feel about verse 14 and are you at peace now?