

BRINGING IT HOME

Lent is a great time to take a look at our part in God's Magnificent Plan – where we've been, where we are now, and where we want to be.

Set aside time this week to reflect on those three questions and jot a few notes below:

1. Where have you been?

2. Where are you now?

3. Where do you want to be?

Write down one thing you can do during Lent to bring you one step closer to where you want to be.

Now, ask God to show you how to use your experiences to help others toward a relationship with the Light of the World and to see their part in God's Magnificent Plan.

SERMON NOTES

Mark 9:2-10

1. What did you learn about God from today's Scripture and sermon?
2. What did you learn about yourself?
3. What action might God be calling you to this week?

Reminders!

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, Tuesday, February 17th 6 - 7:30 pm

Ash Wednesday Service, February 18th at 7:00 pm

DIGGING DEEPER

A few discussion questions related to the God's Magnificent Plan sermon series before you dig deeper.

1. How has your understanding of your part in God's Magnificent Plan been revealed or changed or deepened during the six-week series?
2. What one thing have you changed or will you change as a result of seeing your part in God's plan?

In his second letter to the church in Corinth, Paul is responding to criticism about his ministry. As you read this passage remember that our part in God's Magnificent Plan means that we are ambassadors or representatives of God. Paul addresses challenges that we may face and reminds us that the answer is in the Light of the World, Jesus.

Read 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

1. What connection do you see between this passage and the Gospel account of The Transfiguration (Mark 9:2-10) from Sunday?
2. How could that connection be part of God's Magnificent Plan for the world? For you?
3. Think about sharing the Gospel (the Good News about Jesus) or what God is doing in your life, only to have your words be "veiled" or fall on deaf ears. Why does Paul say that might happen?
4. What might be some "gods of this age" or things that might distract someone from hearing the Good News?
5. What are unbelievers missing out on?
6. How does Paul give you encouragement to persevere – to continue to be God's ambassador as part of His plan?
7. In what ways have you seen "light shine out of darkness" in your own life or the lives of others?
8. How can you use that experience to live out your part in God's Magnificent Plan?

LIFE CHECK

1. Where did you see God at work in your life this week? Consider the following questions as you think about God working in your spiritual, home, work and social life.

How were you blessed this week?

Did God prompt you to bless someone this week? How did they respond?

How has God answered prayer?

Did you seek God's will and obey?

Did God speak to you through Scripture, a person, or in some other way? What happened?

How did God work in and through you to share your faith this week through words and/or actions?

2. What action might you take this week to draw closer to God and see Him at work in your life?

PRAY

Gracious God, let everything I do today and in this season of Lent come from you and be inspired by you. You have blessed me with everything I have. Open my eyes to the needs of others and to generously give out of love and gratitude. Give me opportunities to be a light in the darkness. Amen.