

The Gospel According to Mark

Follow the Leader

“Effective Ministry During Jesus’ Earthly Absence”

INTRO: *The disciples had effectively ministered for Jesus during a previous assignment (ch.6), but while Jesus was atop the mountain, a foreshadowing of His future resurrection, ascension, and indefinite absence, they discovered their previous abilities now seemingly ineffective. Why?*

I. Disciples _____ for Jesus during His earthly _____ (9:14-27). *Until Jesus returns, we (His followers) are focused on fulfilling the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20)..*

II. _____ performed in the power of the _____ is ultimately _____ (9:28). *The disciples’ myopic faith was showing once again. Sadly, they were not much different than the people of their generation.*

III. To effectively _____ during Jesus’ earthly _____, deepen your _____ upon God by _____ (9:29). *Prayer is not a one-time tool reserved for emergencies, but an attitude communicating dependence.*

A. _____.
Prayer is an aspect of abiding in Christ (John 15:5).

B. _____.
Time spent in prayer will grow your dependence on God.

C. _____.
God is not a genie who grants wishes but a benevolent and sovereign Lord who knows what is best in every situation.