



THE GOSPEL IN THE MOUNTAINS

SUMMARY | How do you view mountains? Do you see them as majestic? Intimidating? Beautiful? Dangerous? No matter how we might view them, numerous significant biblical events happened on mountains. What are some of these important and dramatic moments, and what can we perhaps learn from them? This is what we want to consider together over the next two weeks on *Discover the Word*.

This Week's Discussion Questions

1. Read [Genesis 8:1-4](#). How does the grace God showed to Noah reflect a second chance for the human race? How does it reflect the patience of God's love?
2. Focus on [Genesis 22](#) (Mount Moriah) and the call for Abraham to sacrifice his son Isaac. How do we see Abraham express confident trust in God despite that seemingly heartless command? How do we see God's heart of rescue pictured?
3. Consider the Sermon on the Mount in [Matthew 5-7](#). How does Jesus' teaching reflect the heart of a different kind of king for a different kind of kingdom? What makes living in this world as citizens of that kingdom so challenging?
4. Does it surprise you that the Scriptures never describe Calvary/Golgotha as a mountain or hill? Does it matter whether or not it was a mountain?

Challenge



Consider Jesus' ascension to the Father ([Acts 1:1–11](#)) from the Mount of Olives. His Great Commission preceded that departure from this world. Now think of someone you know who needs to know Jesus and pray for wisdom concerning how you can be part of Christ's commission by telling them the good news. Place the card on a mirror, fridge, or somewhere you can see it and be reminded to rely on God.

Commit To Memory



“After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light”.

Matthew 17:1–2

Prayer



Father, I see so much of Your important work being done on mountains, but, as [Psalm 121](#) reminds me, my help doesn't come from the mountains—it comes from You. Teach me the peace and confidence that comes from knowing that the One who made the mountains is my God and Savior.

Amen.

