

## **King and Messiah Week 23**

### **Read Matthew 17:1-13**

Why do you think Matthew included the story of the transfiguration? What purpose does it serve as Matthew continues to build the case of Jesus being King and Messiah?

Why do you think Moses and Elijah were with Jesus?

How do we listen to Jesus like God commands in verse 5? (James 1:22, Matthew 7:24-27)

Instead of only receiving information, how can we become more effective listeners?

### **Read Matthew 17:14-21**

Why weren't the disciples able to help the man and his son?

What do John 15:1-7 and Galatians 5:22-23 teach us in accordance with this passage?

What are some symptoms we can look for that might warn us that we are trying to live on our own power?

### **Read Matthew 17:22-23**

Why do you think Jesus has begun to repeat this prophecy?

When do we need to remind ourselves of Christ's loving sacrifice?

How can we make a habit of preaching the Gospel to ourselves regularly?

Pick a person not in your Bridge Group and encourage them with Scripture.

### **Read Matthew 17:24-27**

Did Jesus feel he and his disciples needed to pay the tax? If not, why did he do it?

What are you willing to do so that others may know Jesus?

**Other observations/questions/reflections on the text:**