

LIFE GROUP

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Transfiguration: Glimpsing Divine Glory February 25, 2024

Summary

We are transformed when we see Jesus in His glory as God, and we listen to Him.

Scripture

Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. Deuteronomy 6:4-5 (NIV)

“As I looked, “thrones were set in place, and the Ancient of Days took his seat. His clothing was as white as snow; the hair of his head was white like wool. His throne was flaming with fire, and its wheels were all ablaze....” Daniel 7:9 (NIV)

“Remember to obey the Law of Moses, my servant — all the decrees and regulations that I gave him on Mount Sinai for all Israel. Look, I am sending you the prophet Elijah before the great and dreadful day of the Lord arrives.” Malachi 4:4-5 (NLT)

After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them. His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters — one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.” (He did not know what to say, they were so frightened.) Then a cloud appeared and covered them, and a voice came from the cloud: “This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!” Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus gave them orders not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They kept the matter to themselves, discussing what “rising from the dead” meant. And they asked him, “Why do the teachers of the law say that Elijah must come first?” Jesus replied, “To be sure, Elijah does come first, and restores all things. Why then is it written that the Son of Man must suffer much and be rejected? But I tell you, Elijah has come, and they have done to him everything they wished, just as it is written about him.” Mark 9:2-13 (NIV)

And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord’s glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit. 2 Corinthians 3:18 (NIV)

Let’s Start

Pastor Kyle talked about three biblical accounts that took place on a mountain. Have you had any notable experiences that took place on a mountain?

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Gratitude and Prayer

How has God worked in your life since we were together?

Let's Talk

1. What was something new you learned in the message?
2. What similarities do you see between Moses' and Elijah's encounters on Mount Sinai and Jesus' transfiguration?
3. Pastor Kyle emphasized the importance of listening to Jesus and trusting His plans for our lives. How can we actively listen to Jesus in our daily lives?
4. Discuss the significance of Jesus being transfigured before Peter, James and John, along with the appearance of Moses and Elijah. What does this reveal about Jesus' identity and mission?
5. How can we be changed to be like Jesus?
6. Pastor Kyle shared a recent experience where focusing on Jesus made his problems seem smaller. Do you have a similar experience? Share your thoughts on the idea that seeing Jesus in His glory can make our problems seem smaller.

Let's Act

What can you do this week to become more sensitive to God's voice (whether from His Word or His Spirit)?
