

THE TRANSFIGURATION

Matthew 17:1-13

MAIN IDEAS FROM THIS WEEK

1. THE UNMATCHED GLORY OF JESUS
2. THE PROPER RESPONSE TO JESUS
3. THE SURPRISING, WONDERFUL WAY OF JESUS

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS – Pick two or three of these to talk about as a group

1. What was most helpful for you from this week's message? Why?
2. When we read about incredible events like the transfiguration it can sometimes feel hard to believe. What are some causes of our difficulty believing some of the supernatural aspects of Jesus' life? What would you be left with if you took all the supernatural stuff out of Christianity? What helps you believe that the supernatural events recorded in Jesus' life actually took place?
3. In Matthew 17, Jesus' unmatched glory is seen by Peter, James and John. How do you understand the concept of glory? When have you seen or experienced the glory of God?
4. Pew research shows that 63% of Americans profess to be Christians and yet other surveys about people's spiritual lives indicate that only around 4% of Americans are actually following Jesus. What does it mean to be a Christian? What does it mean to follow Jesus? Is there any difference? If so, what is the difference?
5. In Matthew 17:5, we see that the proper response to Jesus is to "listen to Him." What are some practical steps you can take to rearrange your life so you can be with Jesus, listen to Jesus and surrender to Jesus' work in your life? In other words, what can you do to center your life around regular, ongoing spiritual practices?
6. The disciples had an incredible "mountaintop experience" and yet they were left confused and with more questions than answers. They couldn't wrap their minds around the fact that Jesus was going to die. As we follow Jesus we will be surprised by the way he leads us. When have you been surprised by Jesus' way of doing things? As we follow Jesus we will also be amazed by how wonderful life in Him is. Where have you experienced the wonderful aspects of the life Jesus offers?
7. In 2 Peter 1:16-21, you can read Peter talking about his experience during the transfiguration. Read 2 Peter 1:16-21 as a group. What stands out to you from the way Peter talks about his experience?

A TRUTH TO TAKE WITH YOU: Jesus does not reflect the glory of God. He emanates it. He is the source. He is God.