

From Glory to Glory | Transfiguration Sunday 2022
Small Group Discussion Questions

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Sunday, February 27th, 2022



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Scripture Reading: Exodus 34:29-35; Luke 9:28-36; 2 Cor 3:12-4:2; Hebrews 6:1-3

Sermon Focus: The transfiguration of Jesus is one of the most neglected gospel stories within Western Christianity. While a surface reading of the story might seem strange and confusing, we can't afford to miss its significance and the implications it has for Christ's identity, his supremacy over all things, and for our own spiritual growth. Listen as Pastor David invites us to believe in Christ and move from glory to glory in our faith.

Thank you for going deeper in conversation with your small group in person, by phone, or video call. Use the following questions to help *guide* your small group discussion:

1. Read Luke 9:28-36 and 2 Peter 1:16-18 together. In Western Christianity, this is one of the most neglected stories in the gospels. Why do you think that is? Also, why do you think Peter goes out of his way to say, “we did not follow cleverly devised myths” and say we were “eyewitnesses” of his majesty? He even says he heard the divine voice on the “holy mountain” with Jesus. How might this challenge Western skepticism about visions, mystery, and the supernatural?
2. Dorothy Lee, a professor, pastor, and author, writes: “Western Christianity in many places is struggling for survival against a deadly secularism that smothers any sense of transcendence or mystery, too much of which has penetrated its own ranks. The Church needs to regain the vision of Christ on the mountain, the light in which we see light, the echo of the divine voice acclaiming Jesus the beloved Son—the biblical symbolism of a majestic, incarnate, crucified God as the only source of hope for the transfiguring of a disfigured world.” How do you see this *secularism* at work today? What might it look like to regain our vision of Christ as supreme over all things and embrace mystery and the supernatural?
3. Pastor David shared how we need to understand the transfiguration scene in the larger context of Luke 9:18-43, e.g., Peter’s confession, Jesus’ redefining of Messiah, God lifting “the veil” to reveal his glory, and Jesus coming back down the mountain to discover a faithless people. This story is full of Old Testament symbols, imagery, and allusions (e.g., Moses, Elijah, mountain, cloud, witnesses). Did you find a knowledge and awareness of these things helpful? Explain.
4. Based on Luke 9:28-36, Jesus is *not* simply a prophet, teacher, and miracle worker. He was not just a good person. He is the promised Messiah, the Son of Man, and God *in the flesh*. He is also the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets (Old Testament). This is at the core of the good news *and* should be what fuels our social justice concerns. What happens when we divorce the two?
5. Read Hebrews 6:1-3 together. There is a greater *knowing* of Jesus beyond facts, theology, and doctrines. Those are good things, but we’re called to move “from glory to glory” in our faith and go deeper with Christ (2 Corinthians 3:18). Be honest. Share with the group how you’d personally like to grow in your faith. How would you like to know and experience more of Jesus in your walk?