

Discussion Guide
“The Savior Enigma: Wk2 The Transfiguration”
March 5, 2023

Big Idea



Jesus' transfiguration, exposing us to the glory of God in amazing ways, reveals to us his fuller identity and authority.



Icebreaker

Have you been doing anything in increasing measure, or in decreasing measure, during Lent to further Pursue God and have a closer relationship with Him through Jesus?



Discussion Questions

1. Read Luke 9:27. Critics of Jesus, and His words, sometimes use this passage as proof that Jesus' words are false. They say this because...here we are today, some 2,000 plus years removed from these words, still awaiting Jesus's 2nd Advent (coming) to usher in the new Kingdom (God's Kingdom)...and nothing. But how does the fuller context of this verse; including the versus that follow (which we focused on this past Sunday) help us to better understand what Jesus meant and how, in fact, his words came to complete fruition? Why is reading & studying God's word in context of such importance and do you personally do well with that, or could you improve and if so, how?
2. Read, very slowly, and while allowing your mind to place you in the scene (maybe pretending to be Peter, James, or John) Luke 9:28-36. What aspect of this scene would have been most astounding to you and how may you have responded? How did Peter respond and why do you think he may have responded in such a way?
3. Your Preaching Team (and rightfully so) struggled with defining “the glory of God” for this sermon. In their attempt they came up, basically, with this: *God's glory equals His presence and His power coming together in a tangible experience, where His said glory is on fuller display.* Why do you think they (and why should you or anyone) struggle with defining “the glory of God”?
4. Do you think viewings of the glory of God are confined to such major movements as what we read of in this passage? If not, what are some simple, yet powerful ways (maybe even share personal examples), we get to experience the glory of God (His presence & power coming together)? But with that said, do you have a rather grand one that you would be willing to share?
5. Re-read Luke 9:30-35. Recap from the sermon what significance Moses, Elijah, and the cloud are in regard to Jesus' identity and authority. Why do these particular people being present, along with the presence of the cloud in this scene, give validity to our entire Bible? How is that significant? Can it help us to minister to doubters, how?



Concluding Question

What can we do, individually, to experience the glory of God more in our life? Read Hebrews 10:23-25. Why is it important that we share with one another (testify) as believers about our “glory of God” sightings?



Application

1. What do you think the Holy Spirit may be saying to you through this sermon and our discussion?
2. What is something God wants you to do now?
3. Is there a way we can help each other apply what God is showing us?



Prayer

We be a people willing (not skeptical or doubting) to be struck with awe & wonder by the glory of God.