

Wednesday

Read Luke 9:34-36 *The voice from the cloud*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. First the disciples see a brilliant vision, then they're wrapped in a cloud. Why did the mist appear?
2. Why do you think the disciples didn't talk about this event?

Prayer Focus

Bless us, Lord, with eyes to see and ears to hear. Help us to seek out some quiet in our busy lives so we can listen to the voice that calls us to Christ. Let us be changed, Lord.

Thursday

Read Luke 9:37-40 *A son in need of healing*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. Have you ever prayed and felt like your prayers were not heard? Did it affect your faith?
2. Why do you think the disciples weren't able to heal the child?

Prayer Focus

Pray again. Pray with your hurting heart and your broken faith. Pray that God will show you God's glory. Spend time reflecting on how you can see the face and hear the voice of Christ in a new way today.

Friday

Read Luke 9:41-43a *The greatness of God*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. Why did Jesus call the disciples faithless and perverse?
2. Where have you seen God's greatness in the world today?

Prayer Focus

God, help us to trust that you are the one whose powerful love moves us and strengthens us. Lead us down from our mountain tops, still carrying the dazzling knowledge of your glory. Guide us into the world where we are needed, to help share your glory and healing with others.

Transfiguration: Listen to Him

Like Peter, our first instinct is to build "booths" around our view of Christ and hold on to a view of Jesus we're comfortable with, which ironically looks a lot like us, rather than the more expansive view of the Scriptures. We're invited by the transfigured Christ to hold our images lightly, not to limit the expansive love and light of Christ. We are transfigured and transformed by God's grace when we are able to extend life to others.

Message Notes:

Small Group Format

Welcome

- Introductions/getting acquainted
- Mutual Invitation question: *Have you ever stood on a mountaintop or some other very high place? What feelings or thoughts did you have while you were there?*

Opening Prayer

Song (optional)

Reflection on Luke 9:28-43a

- Have someone read **Luke 9:28-43a**. Discuss observations about the text
 - *What word or phrase strikes you the most?*
 - *What do you think is the most important point of the text?*

Application of Scripture (The central transformative questions)

- What did you hear God say to you through this week's Scriptures?
- What are you doing about it?
- How can we support you?

Share your faith (in groups of 3)

- *How have you experienced God recently in your life?* (This is a weekly question - it may be difficult to answer at first, but if you ask it each week you may start to notice God more in your life.)

Pray for each other

Refreshments (optional)

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Transfiguration: Listen to Him



Monday

Read Luke 9:28-29 *Jesus changes*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. Why did Jesus want to pray on a mountaintop?
2. Why do you think Jesus' appearance was so changed?

Prayer Focus

Pray to be open to seeing God's glory, to be surprised by a new way of seeing Jesus. Let this new vision of Jesus be a light for your own journey of faith.

Tuesday

Read Luke 9:30-33 *Seeing the glory*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. What was the importance of Jesus being seen with Moses and Elijah?
2. Why did Peter want to build booths on that mountain top?

Prayer Focus

God, we understand that our faith is rooted in traditions and that the coming of Jesus wasn't just for that moment or for those disciples. Jesus didn't come to stay on the mountain or in a booth. Help us to remember that we are meant to come down off the mountain and still follow Jesus into the world today.