

Community Group Discussion Questions

“Listen to Him”¹

Luke 9:28-36

Passage Setting: Luke is one of the four Gospels in the New Testament. Because he is a doctor, we see more details in this book. One of his points of emphasis is to show that all of humanity are sinners in need of salvation, and Jesus is that Savior, the fulfillment of the Old Testament.

Summary: Transfiguration is a strange lesson if it were not so familiar to us. But like Peter, James and John, we need a transfiguration experience to become Jesus’ disciples.

Central Truth:

Sermon Points:

1. Transfiguration Confirms Jesus’ Identity (v28-31)
2. Transfiguration Reveals Our Weaknesses (v32-33)
3. Transfiguration Teaches God’s Will (v34-36)

We are taking a break from our usual sermon series this week and are looking at Jesus’ Transfiguration in Luke 9.

Read 9:28-36.

1. Who is Jesus to you? How did Jesus become that in your life? Or, what do you think is still needed for Jesus to become more than who he is in your life?

(Answers may vary.)

We see Jesus’ glory in our passage. The appearance of His face is altered, and His clothing becomes dazzling white. We see the Father shouting from the heavens that this is His Chosen One, Beloved Son (Mark’s account). In Matthew’s account of the Transfiguration, we see that the Father is very pleased with Him. In all the Gospel accounts of this event, we see the Father calling us to Listen to Him.

Jesus is God the Word, the supreme revelation of God. Moses represents the Law, and Elijah represents the Prophets. In showing both of these prophets, we see that Jesus is

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not just the continuation but the fulfillment of the Old Testament. He is the ultimate Prophet and the embodied revelation of God's heart and will.

Peter offers to pitch a tent for each of them: Moses, Elijah, and Jesus. It says that Peter does not know what he is saying. This might allude to the fact that it is outrageous that Moses and Elijah are there. It may also allude to the fact that Peter is treating Jesus in the same manner as Moses and Elijah. He might be thinking that Jesus is just another prophet and not the Son of God. We see other religions treat Jesus this way: a good man, prophet, teacher, religious man, etc.

Jesus is the Son of God, whom we must worship and obey. Who is He to us?)

2. What is the most embarrassing moment in your memory? Does that memory reveal anything about your attitudes or beliefs?

(Answers may vary.)

Our most embarrassing moments reflect our hopes, dreams, and priorities. It shows us our view of self, others, and God. It shows us our place of salvation and redemption.)

3. How do you discern God's will for you? What have you relied on to learn and follow God's will in your life?

(God's Word- This is God's perfect, infallible revelation to us. The canon has been closed. We do not add to or subtract from God's Word. In totality, God reveals His will for us. The Spirit uses the Word to speak truth in love to us, revealing God's heart.

Knowledge v. Wisdom- There is a difference between knowledge and wisdom. We might have memorized the facts of Scripture while misunderstanding the heart of Scripture. We might have perfect theology without any application of that theology. Knowledge may only stay in the mind, but wisdom penetrates the heart. It turns Scripture into God's will for life.

Jesus- All of Scripture points to and is fulfilled in Jesus. Jesus must be our foundation and center. He is our Savior and Lord. We need to see Scripture through the eyes of Jesus' person and work. Also, as we grow in our relationship and walk with Jesus, His will becomes clearer and clearer. Just like a husband and wife grow in their knowledge

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of/with one another and each other's wills with time/intimacy/growth, we can know Jesus more and improve in our discernment of His heart and will.

Prayer & Sacraments- We believe these elements are the other two means of grace. God ministers His grace to us through prayer and sacraments. He allows us to experience Him and our salvation through these means. He may reveal to us Himself and His will through our prayer and participation of the sacraments. But we need to make sure that any "revelation" or "discernment" is consistent with God's word.)

Final Thoughts: *Jesus is the beloved Son of God. He is the ultimate Prophet and the fulfillment of Scripture. He is our Savior and Lord. And God calls us to listen to Him. Let us come back to Him, walk with Him, know Him, and follow Him with everything.*