



Easter 2024

Discussion Group after April 13, 2024
“The Transfiguration” Mark 9

Reading Together:

Read the original text (on the reverse side) together as a group. As you read, consider how your attitude or perspective shifted from the first time you heard this story until now.

Sharing with the Group:

1. How has your perspective on this story changed? If this past weekend was your first time hearing this story, how did it change in the time from when it was read to now?
2. How have you experienced eternity now, in this life, even in the presence of death? If you feel like the answer is, “I haven’t,” share that, and then, if you are willing, share something a memory from your life you found to be extraordinarily beautiful.
3. Every person here has experienced death in some form. If you could go back and speak to yourself before you experienced that death, what one piece of advice or comfort would you give yourself?
4. How have you personally witnessed or experienced transfiguration¹?
5. How will this teaching and this discussion shape your life in the week to come?

¹ Definition: a complete change of form or appearance into a more beautiful or spiritual state

Mark 9:2-10

Six days after that, Jesus took Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. And there Jesus was transfigured before their eyes; the clothes Jesus wore became dazzlingly white—whiter than any earthly bleach could make them.

Elijah appeared to them, as did Moses, and the two were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. “Rabbi,” he said, “how wonderful it is for us to be here! Let us make three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah!” Peter did not know what he was saying, so overcome were they all with awe.

Then a cloud formed, overshadowing them; and there came a voice from out of the cloud: “This is my Beloved, my Own; listen to this One.” Then suddenly, when they looked around, they saw no one with them anymore—only Jesus.

As they were coming down from the mountain, Jesus gave them orders not to tell anyone what they had seen until after the Promised One had risen from the dead. They agreed to this, though they discussed among themselves what “rising from the dead” could mean.