



SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

WEEK 2 | JAN 16

Connect Questions

- What was the best moment from your past week?
- What was the most challenging moment from your past week?
- Knowing that God was there for each those moments, does that truth change your recollection of those experiences?

KEY QUOTE

When we see God in all of his glory, it will change everything we experience whether it's the high or the low...We will see he's sovereign over it

KEY VERSES

*Matthew 17:1-8
Mark 5:35-43; 14; 32-34*

PRAYER

Heavenly Father,
Please give us the eyes to see you as you really are. And help that truth shape our highs and lows as we experience them. Remind us that you are sovereign over all. Please bless us with an "inner circle" of close friends that can experience these highs and lows with us. Help us to reflect your glory to the world.
Amen

Discussion Questions

- Read Matthew 17:1-8. As you read this passage, imagine that you're actually there. What would you see? What sounds would you hear? What would your reaction be if you saw Jesus' face shining like the sun?
- Why do you imagine the disciples were afraid at the sight?
- Jon mentioned that we can sometimes see Jesus for who we *think* he is or perhaps we see him how *others* see Jesus, but what if we saw Jesus for who he really is. How might our perspective change. According to the passage in Matthew 17:1-8, what do we learn about who Jesus *really* is?
- What was unique about Peter, James and John. Why did Jesus pick these three? What example is that for us today?
- Where else do we see Peter, James and John alone with Jesus? Read Mark 5:35-43 and Mark 14:32-34. What significant moment occurs in these passages? Why do you think it was important for Jesus to have his "inner circle" with him during these experiences?
- Why is having an "inner circle" important in our own lives?

Next Steps

- Jon said "Moses' face reflected the glory, but Jesus *is* the glory." In what ways can you reflect God's glory to others?
- How are you practicing spending time in the presence of Jesus? How often are you in the word? How often do you spend time in prayer or worship? If your inclination is to answer "not enough," what gets in the way?
- This week, make time to spend with the Lord. Should it be in the morning, during the day, or in the evening? Commit a set amount of time to be in God's glory.