

Kingdom Come

Transfigured (Mt. 16:28 – 17:13)

TALK IT OVER

Key Scripture

“Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.” And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. 2 And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. 3 And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. 4 And Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah.” 5 He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.” 6 When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. 7 But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Rise, and have no fear.” 8 And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only. 9 And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, “Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead.” 10 And the disciples asked him, “Then why do the scribes say that first Elijah must come?” 11 He answered, “Elijah does come, and he will restore all things. 12 But I tell you that Elijah has already come, and they did not recognize him, but did to him whatever they pleased. So also the Son of Man will certainly suffer at their hands.” 13 Then the disciples understood that he was speaking to them of John the Baptist.” – *Matthew 16:28 – 17:13 (ESV)*

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Start Talking: Find a conversation starter for your group. (15 Min)

- What is a Mountaintop experience? What has been a Mountaintop experience for you?

Head Start Thinking. Ask a question to get your group thinking. (10 Min)

- Read Matthew 16:28 - 17:13. Who is coming into His Kingdom?
- In Matthew 16:28 – 17:13, why do you think Jesus’ appearance changed?
- What would you say was the most extraordinary part of the transfiguration story in Matthew 16:28 – 17:13?
- Bonus Material: Matthew 23

Heart: Start Sharing. Choose a question to create openness. (10 Min)

- What would you have done if you had been in Peter or John’s place?
- Why do you think it was Moses and Elijah who were up there?
- In verses 11-13 what have most people missed? What is something you think most people have missed about the Gospel message?

Hands: Start Doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week. (10 Min)

- What is your main takeaway from the verses we just read? How would you use that takeaway?

Start Praying. Be bold and pray with power. (15 Min)

- For suggestions on structuring prayer time, see the *Group Prayer Ideas* page in this packet.

Trios: Split into same-gender groups of three. (15 Min)

1. What’s a passage of scripture that has impacted you this week? Read it to the group and explain why.
2. Is there anything God is leading you to repent of?
3. How’s your weekly 3-2-1 challenge going? (*3 Conversations with New People, Learn 2 Names, Make 1 Meaningful Connection*)
4. Who is one non-believer that you need to reach out to this week?
5. What’s something you’d like someone else to check in with you about this week?
6. Pray for one another.