



SERMON STUDY GUIDE

“Matthew 17:1-13” on February 25-28, 2020

CONNECT

How did last week’s passage we read/discussed from Matthew 16:21-28 affect your week?

DISCOVER: MATTHEW 16:21-28

What did the passage say (in your own words) or did you take away from the sermon this week?

How does this passage or did the sermon point you to Jesus (teach us about Jesus)?

We spend much of our lives preparing for coming events and opportunities, because things we are not prepared for are harder to deal with. Jesus was being prepared by God for His coming betrayal and crucifixion, and Jesus chose Peter, James and John to experience this Transfiguration in preparing them for the work that lay ahead of them.

- How well do you think you are prepared for life, to live the life you were created to live – are you prepared for the only thing that matters?
- In the past months, what have you spent the most time preparing for in your life?
- In reality, how much time are you giving to preparing for busy things in your day-to-day life compared to long-term, eternal values?
- Jesus chose Peter, James and John from among the disciples to experience the Transfiguration. Describe how it makes you feel to realize YOU are chosen by God, invited into His inner circle – a place of intimacy, identity, and purpose.
- Matthew 16:24 We choose what we live for: control of our own lives or surrender to God’s will, and those choices bring about different outcomes.
- What do Jesus’ words in verse 24 mean to you, and how does that affect the choices you will make in following Jesus?
- Is there a difference between the act of ‘coming to the cross of Christ for salvation’ and ‘denying oneself, taking up your cross to follow Jesus?’ Share your thoughts.

The message and symbolism of the Transfiguration is profound – (1) pointing to Jesus as the fulfillment of the Law and of the Prophets, (2) God’s divine affirmation of Jesus as His Son – God Himself, and (3) God’s instructions to the disciples to “Listen to Him.”

- How would you explain to someone new to church or Jesus the significance of Moses’ and Elijah’s appearances with Jesus in the Transfiguration?
- How do the words spoken by God at the Transfiguration encourage you and shape your view of your purpose as a Child of God?

Jesus’ message, the one we are to listen to, is to “Love God and Love People.”

- What steps are you taking in your life to nurture your love for God and nurture the relationship you were created to be in with Him?
- What does the identity of Jesus as your Savior truly mean for your life?
- How well are you preparing for and living out the mission Jesus has given you – serving people and loving them into submission? Do you consider that your job, your purpose?

RESPOND

- What is one thing you learned about yourself from God’s Word? How will you respond in obedience this week?
- Who is someone you can have a conversation with about what Jesus is doing in your life or invite to join you at a CU Church gathering.



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PRAY

Pray for each other and spend time praising God. Pray that he will show you how to better love God and love people.

KEEP READING

John 1:1-18 where John writes about Jesus and makes mention to the glory that was revealed to him at the transfiguration (v.14-18). 2 Peter 1:16-21 where Peter writes about the impact of the transfiguration on his life.