

Sermon Guide



"Gospel Sunday- The Transfiguration" July 3, 2022

"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 17:1-13

In this Sunday's teaching, Greg spoke of the importance of Jesus in the story of the transfiguration and how it paves the way for the Gospel in our lives.

- 1. Greg sets up the transfiguration in Matthew 17.** What are some things you learned that are important to be aware of when it comes to the context between Moses, Elijah, and Jesus?
- 2. Jesus had an inner circle.** Who is in your inner circle, and are you allowing them to speak into your life? How has your inner circle shaped key moments in your life?
- 3. God had to interrupt Peter making plans about setting up tents, even though Peter thought he was doing it for the Lord.** Is there a place in your life where you feel like God needs to interrupt your plans? Where are you "setting up tents" of your own? How can you make space to hear from the Lord in the midst of your own tenting making?
- 4. Greg spoke of how Jesus gives us access to God in a way that Moses and Elijah could not.** Why is Jesus so much more significant than Elijah and Moses? Why is He so vital to our relationship with the Father? (Read Hebrews 4:14-16)

We often talk about taking your next step of faith with Jesus. As you reflect on this week's teaching, what is the next step of faith you'll commit to? Is it a deeper dependence on Christ Jesus? Is it simply trusting that because of Jesus we can confidently approach the throne of grace?