



“Encounters with Jesus”
Life Group Questions | Luke 9:28-36
Week 6: The Transfiguration | October 15, 2023

ICE BREAKER: Aaron mentioned a few conversations from the Bible he would have *loved* to be able to listen in on. What are some moments (or conversations) in Scripture you would *love* to be able to listen in on? Why that one?

1. We didn't cover this on Sunday but what do you notice in verse 28? Specifically in the context, Jesus moves his disciples from not understanding what it takes to follow him (9:23-27) to the transfiguration, using *prayer* as the bridge. What does this communicate about how Jesus valued prayer? To what extent do you share that value in your own journey with Jesus?
2. In v. 32, the disciples were “heavy with sleep” but then “became fully awake.” In what ways do you think the Church in American needs to “wake up!” What about you personally?
3. Think about all that's happening when the heavens open up and the Father speaks about the Son in v.35. Of *alllllll* the things God the Father could instruct us about God the Son, why is it significant that he says simply, “Listen to him?” What *practical* ways/habits/rhythms are working for you right now to listen to Jesus?
4. Aaron shared that Jesus shows up when our hearts are wrung out. Read 2 Cor. 1:3-5. Count the times some version of “comfort” shows up in the passage.
 - a. How have you grown closer to God in a season of suffering?
 - b. What should this teach us when life is going more smoothly?
5. Read Matthew 28:18-20. Speaking on these verses, Aaron called it the “Great CO-mission.” What did he mean?
 - a. He also claimed that “Jesus energizes what he commands.” How have you been energized for the Great Commission? Is there an aspect of those verses that you need to implement more in your life? What might a practical first step toward putting those verses into practice in your life?

CLOSE IN PRAYER SHARING ONE ACTION STEP EACH IN LIGHT OF THIS WEEK'S TEXT