



# Welcome!

2022 LENTEN SERIES: KEEP GOING!  
Today's Message: Keep Asking  
Dr. Lance D. Watson, Senior Pastor

**PRAYER:** Listening Lord, we're determined this Lent to *keep going*. We recognize that one of the things that will keep us going is if we keep asking even when we are confused. Give us the courage to ask questions, to maintain a high level of curiosity, matched only by our confidence in you. In the abiding, awesome, and amazing name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

**ICEBREAKER:** Name two things about which you've been confused in the last year. Did you ask questions (what were they?) or did you just sit with your confusion (silently)?

**INTRODUCTION:** The transfiguration of Jesus illuminates the glory of Christ. It also marked the turning point in Mark, which focuses on the purpose of Jesus; to die so we may live. Imagine being Peter, James, or John. They not only got to meet Moses and Elijah in person, but got to see the glory cloud of God, hear the voice the Father...and on top of all that...witness the metamorphosis of Jesus Christ right in front of their eyes. However, when he announced his impending death, they were confused, but refused to ask any questions. What about us? How is your IQ? Your *inquiry quotient*?

**SCRIPTURE:** Read St. Mark 9:30-32 (NRSV)

## **DISCUSSION:**

1. What stood out in today's message? What's one thing you learned? What questions came to mind as you listened to the message today? What points did you find most insightful? How did the message challenge you?
2. In the experience of Transfiguration, God speaks and tells us that we are to listen to Jesus. What are some things that we can do to show that we are listening to Jesus? Do some of our actions demonstrate that we are not listening to Him?
3. Jesus' disciples were confused after their encounter on the mountain. They did not understand what "rising from the dead" meant. What can we (should we) do when we are confused about God's Word? What gifts of the Holy Spirit can we pray for, to help us see things more clearly?
4. Compare what Jesus says in 9:30-31 with what He said in 8:31. What do you think the disciples still don't understand and why are they afraid to ask Him about it? Are there any things in your life about which you are afraid to ask God? What's the benefit of asking? What's the problem with not asking?
5. Does it surprise you that the disciples soon after hearing about Jesus' impending death were arguing among themselves about who would be greatest? Why or why not?

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**CHALLENGE:** What is one “a-ha” moment you had in our group discussion today. Note it and write it down. If you applied your learning from this week’s message, how would the next week be different for you?

**SERVE:** How is God calling us to live out this message this week? As individuals? As a group?

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Take this time to share group announcements. Church wide and campus specific announcements can be found at [www.myspbc.org](http://www.myspbc.org). You can also “find, follow and like” our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/myspbc](http://www.facebook.com/myspbc). Turn on your notifications.

**CELEBRATIONS:** Take this time to share praise reports (e.g., answered prayers, birthdays, anniversaries, promotions).

**PRAYER REQUESTS AND PRAYER:** Take this time to share prayer requests. Close with prayer.

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## We Care!

A large, solid red heart is positioned behind the text 'We Care!'.

NOTICE: PLEASE BE PATIENT AS WE GRADUALLY REOPEN OUR CAMPUSES IN THE SAFEST MANNER POSSIBLE. As a small group leader, we depend on you to show members that we care. Here's a list of resources to help you.

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FOR COUNSELING:

CALL: 804.643.6177

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TO REQUEST A HOSPITAL VISIT:

CALL: 804.304.3890 (For Emergencies)

EMAIL: [ecare@myspbc.org](mailto:ecare@myspbc.org).

TO REQUEST FUNERAL SUPPORT:

CALL: 804.304.3890 (Pastor On Call)

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TO FIND A SUPPORT GROUP:

CALL: 804.643.6177

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