

# GROUP LEADER DISCUSSION GUIDE

**TITLE:** *Transfiguration: Five Things That Will Change Your Life*

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**KEY TEXT:** Matthew 17:1–8

**MAIN FOCUS:** The Transfiguration reminds us that moments in God’s presence can transform how we see, live, and follow Jesus.

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## OPENING REFLECTION

Start with this question: **“Have you ever had a ‘mountaintop moment’ with God—an experience that changed your perspective or deepened your faith?”**

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## FIVE THINGS THAT WILL CHANGE YOUR LIFE

### 1. The Perspective You Have

**READ:** Matthew 17:2, Revelation 1:16

#### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- What’s the difference between seeing Jesus’ story and seeing His glory?
- How does your view of Jesus influence the way you live?
- In what ways does your perspective need to be reshaped right now?

#### KEY TAKEAWAYS:

- When you truly see Jesus for who He is, you will never be the same.
  - The glory of Jesus fuels your future.
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## 2. The Places You Are In

**READ:** Matthew 17:1, John 14:16–17

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Why do we need mountaintop experiences to carry us through life's valleys?
- What's one "ordinary place" in your life where you need to remember that Jesus is with you?
- How do you intentionally invite God into the daily places you go?

### KEY TAKEAWAYS:

- Jesus meets us in both the highs and the lows.
  - Even when life feels routine, the Spirit is with you and in you.
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## 3. The People You Are With

**READ:** Matthew 17:1, Proverbs 13:20, Luke 9:30–31

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- How have the people around you influenced your spiritual growth—for better or worse?
- Why do you think Jesus only brought three disciples up the mountain?
- How do you surround yourself with people who lead you closer to God?

### KEY TAKEAWAYS:

- Big things happen in small groups.
  - God often confirms His work in your life through others.
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## 4. The Presence of God You Experience

**READ:** Matthew 17:4–6, Proverbs 9:10–12

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- How do you personally experience God's presence?
- Why isn't yesterday's encounter with God enough for today?
- What does it look like to "listen to Him" in your everyday life?

## KEY TAKEAWAYS:

- God's presence revives, redirects, and reminds.
  - The fear of the Lord brings wisdom—and wisdom brings life.
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## 5. The Proximity to Jesus You Have

**READ:** Matthew 17:7–8, Hebrews 12:1–2

- **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**
- What keeps you from letting Jesus lead you right now?
- What would it mean for Jesus to touch a part of your life that feels afraid or hurt?
- What are you currently fixing your eyes on—and is it Jesus?

## KEY TAKEAWAYS:

- Let Jesus lead you. Let Jesus touch you.
  - When all else fades, let it be said: “They saw no one except Jesus.”
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## PERSONAL APPLICATION

### ASK THE GROUP:

- Which of the five things (perspective, place, people, presence, proximity) do you most need God to change in your life right now?
- What will you do differently this week to pursue that change?

### GROUP PRAYER

Invite your group to pray through each of the five areas, asking God to bring:

- Clarity of vision (perspective)
- Peace in place (daily life)
- Healthy relationships (Godly people)
- Fresh encounters (His presence)
- Deeper intimacy (closer proximity)

END with this encouragement: ***“Mountaintop moments shape us forever—but Jesus stays with us in the valleys too.”***