

Life Group Notes

Sunday 22nd November 2020

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Title: Luke: The Transfiguration

Passage: Luke 9: 28-36

Today we see a big reveal as Jesus displays himself in his Glory. It's the glory that he has before he comes to the earth.

As he reveals himself, we see his face change and his clothes start to emanate light. It's an incredible picture – a light that is too bright to look at, that you would have to shield your eyes from.

With him are Moses and Elijah, ones who represented the law and the prophets – ones who had already seen the glory of God pass by them on a mountain. Ones who had previously be mentioned to who Jesus was as he walked on the earth. These two are now seen shining in glory also, alongside Jesus. So Jesus is neither of them and now the law and the prophets, literally testify to it!!! What an incredible moment. It is a moment that Peter, James and John get to witness, and their response is – let's stay here. Pitch tents get some food and live in this moment. The truth is though, this moment was not to be lived in, but to be lived in the good of. They are soon back off down the mountain and into ministry but all in the good of this revelation. We have these great moments with Jesus where we feel him, hear him, know him intimately. They are moments to linger in and cherish but we don't get to live there, we get to live in the good of them as we go back down into the valleys.

Then comes the Father's voice and his declaration and command are simple – This is my Son my Chosen One – listen to him! We need to be careful who we are listening to in these days, who we are taking counsel from, what we let our thoughts linger on, where we let our fears and worries spin. Listen to him says the Father in Heaven!

The drama finishes in the passage, and Jesus comes back down the mountain with them. The time will come when he will leave, but he teaches them first about his Holy Spirit. As he pours out his Spirit on Pentecost he is fulfilling his promise to be with us to the end of the age, as he awaits the day of his return. One day – just like Peter James and John wanted to do – we will forever pitch our tents as it were and spend eternity in the light of his glory – there will be no need for light or lamp or the sun in the new heavens and the new earth as Jesus will be the light we need. Until then, we get to be those who have incredible moments with our God and then take them into the everyday valleys of life as we listen to Him.

Questions:

- 1) What hit you afresh or anew from Sundays message?
- 2) How do you think you might have responded in the transfiguration moment?
- 3) Tell us about a revelation moment or a mountain moment that you have had.
- 4) How can we ensure we live in the good of those moments?
- 5) Who do you feel you are listening to at the moment?