



Week of July 11, 2021

Lessons in Luke: Transfiguration

Luke 9:28-36

Day One: Read Luke 9:28-29

²⁸ About eight days later Jesus took Peter, John, and James up on a mountain to pray. ²⁹ And as he was praying, the appearance of his face was transformed, and his clothes became dazzling white.

- The physical transformation of Jesus that Peter witnesses here parallels Peter's unfolding awareness of Jesus' work. What have been some of the moments in your life when you have really recognized Jesus' work in your life?

Day Two: Read Luke 9:30-31

³⁰ Suddenly, two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared and began talking with Jesus. ³¹ They were glorious to see. And they were speaking about his exodus from this world, which was about to be fulfilled in Jerusalem.

- The departure or exodus that Jesus is talking about here is accomplished through his death on the cross. It is after that experience that he is resurrected, putting to an end the power of sin and death in the world, but also revealing who he really is—the Son of God. As Jesus' followers, we must undertake a similar journey of dying to self so that we can uncover who we really are; our Child of God self. What are the things that your ego holds onto that you need to let go of?

Day Three: Read Luke 9:32-33

³² Peter and the others had fallen asleep. When they woke up, they saw Jesus' glory and the two men standing with him. ³³ As Moses and Elijah were starting to leave, Peter, not even knowing what he was saying, blurted out, "Master, it's wonderful for us to be here! Let's make three shelters as memorials—one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

- There is a deep spiritual difference between knowing and being. A lot of what we embrace as genuine spirituality includes what we know or don't know. What really matters in our relationship to self and to God is who we are and who we are willing to allow ourselves to become. Peter wanted to hit pause on this moment of change. Are there times when you want to hit pause on your way to becoming something new?

Day Four: Read Luke 9:34

³⁴ But even as he was saying this, a cloud overshadowed them, and terror gripped them as the cloud covered them.

- Pain and suffering are often points in our lives when we are present enough to change. These moments eliminate all pretense of control we have over our lives, leaving us to be open to what comes next in our story. Can you think of a moment when that was true in your story?

Day Five: Read Luke 9:35-36

³⁵ Then a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, my Chosen One. Listen to him." ³⁶ When the voice finished, Jesus was there alone. They didn't tell anyone at that time what they had seen.

- Most of the time we live our lives in the past or in the future. Seldom do we truly embrace the present moment. The disciples looked to the past in Moses and to the future in Elijah. So, God says, "This is my Son, my Chosen One," as if to say, "just this." What would it mean for you to stay in the moment with God and not drift to the past or the future?