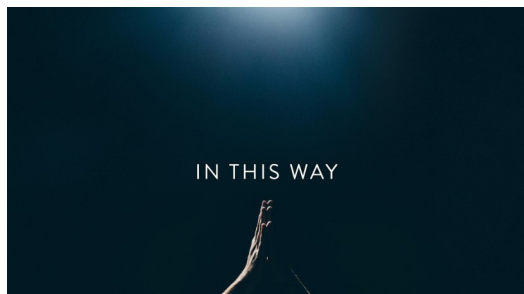


SMALL GROUP STUDY GUIDE



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OF PEACE
Called to Connect



In This Way ... Transform

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Many of us feel inadequate in our prayer life; we worry that we will get prayer “wrong.” Throughout this seven-week series, you will be guided through many types of prayer. To pray “In This Way” gives us many paths of entering a holy conversation with God by following the example of Jesus.

SCRIPTURE TEXT: LUKE 9:28-36

Read the scripture text together as a group.

BACKGROUND INFO

Jesus prays with his disciples and, through prayer, Jesus is transformed/transfigured/changed. Prayer transforms us as we seek and ask God’s will for our lives. Prayer transforms us as we confess and are honest with who we are and who we are not. Prayer transforms us as we are centered around the things that truly matter. Prayer transforms us as we praise God for what God is doing in the world. Prayer transforms us as we are open to God’s revelation and affirmation of who we are. In this way, may our prayers transform us and those around us.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- ***Every one of us carries deep in our souls a desire for some kind of transformation in our lives. If you’ve ever wrestled with the weight of feeling hopeless, struggled through the pain of trying to heal a hurting relationship, wrestled with the fear of a serious health issue, or felt like you were suffocating under the weight of broken dreams, wondering what the future holds, you know what it’s like to long for transformation in your life.*** Share about a time in the past that you longed for transformation and were transformed. How were you changed and how did that impact your life? Where are you currently longing for transformation?
- ***For some of us, we may long for a transformation in how we understand - or how we “see” - Jesus.*** Is there - or has there ever been - a narrative in your life about who Jesus is and what “following Jesus” means that for one reason or another just sucked/sucks the life right out of you? Share about that.
- ***Usually, when we see something remarkable that stirs us, moves us, or amazes us, we can’t wait to tell someone else.*** Share about a time you felt that way about something amazing that you experienced. Who did you tell? What was their response? Why do you think the disciples didn’t tell anybody about their experience seeing the Transfiguration of Jesus? What makes you hesitant about sharing your experiences of God?

CHALLENGE: *We know this: stories transform us. When we tell stories about what God is up to in our lives, that’s transformational. When we tell the stories that connect the dots between faith and real life, that transfigures the hearts and lives of others.* So this week ... tell your stories!