



Sharing

Circle Up: Get settled; Reach out to anyone we expected to be here but isn't.

Opening Prayer: God of Renewal and Resurrection by the power of Jesus Christ, lead us to walk more faithfully in your will and way. Shape our hearts for love and transform our daily actions to reflect your mercy and grace. We long to journey with you. Amen.

The Question: Go around the circle answering, "Where have you seen God this week?"

Studying

Scripture: Luke 9:28-36 About eight days after Jesus said these things, he took Peter, John, and James, and went up on a mountain to pray. ²⁹As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed and his clothes flashed white like lightning. ³⁰Two men, Moses and Elijah, were talking with him. ³¹They were clothed with heavenly splendor and spoke about Jesus' departure, which he would achieve in Jerusalem. ³²Peter and those with him were almost overcome by sleep, but they managed to stay awake and saw his glory as well as the two men with him.

³³As the two men were about to leave Jesus, Peter said to him, "Master, it's good that we're here. We should construct three shrines: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"—but he didn't know what he was saying. ³⁴Peter was still speaking when a cloud overshadowed them. As they entered the cloud, they were overcome with awe.

³⁵Then a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, my chosen one. Listen to him!" ³⁶Even as the voice spoke, Jesus was found alone. They were speechless and at the time told no one what they had seen.

Reflection Questions:

- Read Luke 9:28-36. The Transfiguration of Jesus on the mountain is described as a "theophany" or "God sighting". What were signs for the disciples that Jesus was the Son of God?
- Elijah was carried to heaven in a chariot by a whirlwind. (2 Kings 2:11-12) Moses died before reaching the Promised Land and no one knows where he is buried (Deuteronomy 34:5-7). Consider why Jesus spoke to these two prophets. Reread verse 31.
- Verse 33 indicates that Peter made a "mistake" suggesting that three shrines be built. Why did he suggest stopping to build shrines? What would have been your reaction?
- The "cloud of glory" was like the cloud that covered Moses when he received the 10 Commandments on Mt. Sinai (Exodus 24). What is God's message to disciples? Why is this transfiguration moment significant for Christians? For you?

Praying

Pray for each other in silence or aloud.

At the end of the silent prayer, pray the Lord's Prayer together.

Encouraging

What's your next step on the discipleship path?

What can we do to help each other?

When are we gathering next?