Face To Face

The Transfiguration (Week 1) LifeNotes



Main Idea

Coming face to face with Jesus as Lord forever changes us.

Key Scriptures

Be still, and know that I am God! Psalms 46:10a

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Matthew 28:18

On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written: king of kings and Lord of Lords. Revelation 19:16

Six days later Jesus took Peter and the two brothers, James and John, and led them up a high mountain to be alone. As the men watched, Jesus' appearance was transformed so that his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as light. Suddenly, Moses and Elijah appeared and began talking with Jesus. Peter exclaimed, "Lord, it's wonderful to be here! If you want, I'll make three shelters as memorials—one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." But even as he spoke, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my dearly loved Son, who brings me great joy. Listen to him." The disciples were terrified and fell face down on the ground. Then Jesus came over and touched them. "Get up," he said. "Don't be afraid." And when they looked up, Moses and Elijah were gone, and they saw only Jesus. Matthew 17:1-8

Face to face encounters deepening understanding.

Because He is Lord:

• Creation is His.

John 1:1-3

• Salvation is found nowhere else.

Romans 10:9

• We can trust Him.

Psalms 28:7

Start talking.

- Why do we tend to view others as one dimensional until we come to know them?
- Describe an encounter where your view of someone deepened because of meeting them face to face.
- Read Psalms 46:10a. How did Joel define the word, "know"? Why does that matter?

Start thinking.

- Read Matthew 28:18. Summarize what Jesus is stating.
- Read Revelation 19:16. Why do these titles matter?

- Read Matthew 17:1-8. What limited views of Jesus might the disciples have had before this experience?
- Why were Moses and Elijah there? What did they represent?
- What was Peter's mistake in?
- Why were the disciples afraid?
- How does the response of Jesus give us insight into his multifaceted nature?

Start sharing.

- What aspects of Jesus are you naturally drawn to?
- How does understanding his Lordship deepen your understanding and experience of Jesus?

Start doing.

- Read John 1:1-3. Since He is Lord of creation, what situation/circumstance that overwhelms you is He intimately away from?
- Read Romans 10:9. Since salvation is found nowhere else, what selfish choice can you bring to Him?
- Read Psalms 28:7. Since He is Lord, how can you trust and praise Him?

Closing prayer.

Jesus you are King of kings, and Lord of lords! Nothing is outside your view and your sovereign will. Lord Jesus help me to experience all that you are. Help me to draw closer to all of you so I might become all you created me to be.