

Living Water Fellowship

3RD SUNDAY IN LENT
7TH MARCH 2021

COME TO JESUS

WELCOME:

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Almighty God, as you gather us to worship you, we know that all across the globe, men & women, young & old, gather as well to be your church. Pour out your Spirit upon us all so that all who gather in your name may experience your presence, know your will, & receive the power to be what you call us to be & do what you call us to do. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

SONG: Lord I need you

GROW IN HIS GRACE

BIBLE READING: Mark 9:2-10

FAITH CHAT:

SONG: Jesus Strong and Kind

THE MESSAGE: *ADDITION BY SUBTRACTION: LESS DISTRACTION MORE FOCUS*

PRAYERS:

COMMUNION:

Words of Institution & The Lord's Prayer:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, & the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Worship Video during Communion: Reckless Love (Cory Asbury)

GO IN HIS POWER

BLESSING:

(Name) + child of God,

Christ speaks to you so you might listen only to him. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

SONG: Grace

SHOW HIS LOVE

MARK 9:2-10

Six days later Jesus took Peter, James, and John, and led them up a high mountain to be alone. As the men watched, Jesus' appearance was transformed,³ and his clothes became dazzling white, far whiter than any earthly bleach could ever make them.⁴ Then Elijah and Moses appeared and began talking with Jesus.

⁵ Peter exclaimed, "Rabbi, 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." ⁶ He said this because he didn't really know what else to say, for they were all terrified.

⁷ Then a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my dearly loved Son. Listen to him." ⁸ Suddenly, when they looked around, Moses and Elijah were gone, and they saw only Jesus with them.

⁹ As they went back down the mountain, he told them not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man^b had risen from the dead. ¹⁰ So they kept it to themselves, but they often asked each other what he meant by "rising from the dead."

Group Bible Study/Discussion:

1. Read Mark 9:2-10. What questions immediately come to mind? Does your familiarity with this text hinder your hearing it fully? How will you listen to it today?
2. Why do you think Jesus only took three disciples with Him? Why these three? What other times do you remember Jesus taking Peter, James & John into his private experience? What do you think that does for them after the resurrection?
3. What does it mean that Jesus' appearance "was transformed" or "transfigured"? What is the significance of Jesus' clothes being "intensely/dazzling white" beyond human capacity?"
4. The three disciples were "terrified." Why? Was that necessary or an overreaction? Why do you think the disciples experienced a combination of joy & terror as they witnessed Jesus' transfiguration?
5. For what purpose did Peter want to "make three tents?" Have you ever been so surprised or "blown away" by some experience that you said or did something absurd?
6. For whose benefit did God speak? What is the contextual significance of what God said? What is the significance of Jesus being the only one left of the 3 major Biblical figures?
7. Why does Jesus command the disciples to tell no one until after His resurrection? What is the connection between glory & suffering for Jesus? What is the connection between glory & suffering for you? How did Peter misunderstand the connection between glory & suffering at this moment? When do you think he finally "got it?"
8. How did the disciples' react when Jesus predicted His death & resurrection? Why does he repeat that prophecy about his upcoming crucifixion & resurrection so many times even when they fail to understand? How does the reality of a suffering Messiah shape your view of what life as a follower of Jesus is to be like?
9. What does listening to Jesus have to do with your current situation? How well are you succeeding at obeying that command? Pray for the Holy Spirit's assistance & that of your small group.