

First Encounter #7
Transformation

Word

Scripture Reference

Matthew 17:1-13

Discussion Questions

1. What is the most incredible event you have ever seen? How did it affect you?
2. Read Matthew 17:1-13. The transfiguration was a fleeting glimpse of the true glory of Jesus Christ; a revelation of Himself in all His splendor and glory to three of His disciples who must have been stunned by the experience. To summarize the passage, answer the following questions:
 - (a) While Jesus was transfigured, who else appeared and began talking to Jesus? What did they talk about (v. 3)?
 - (b) What was Peter's reaction when he saw two other men together with Jesus during His transfiguration (v. 4)?
 - (c) What happened while Peter was speaking (v.5)? How did it impact Peter, John and James (v. 6)?
 - (d) How does the reminder of who Jesus is according to God the Father impact you? What utmost treatment does Jesus deserve without question from you?
3. Once you accept Jesus Christ as your personal Savior, you too will experience real transformation—a transfiguration or metamorphosis of your life in Him. There are three life principles regarding spiritual transformation that you must understand. First is that your transformation brings glory to God. What is your life's purpose on this earth? What happens if you go through this life without changing? Why is life transformation only possible when you are in a relationship with Jesus Christ?
4. Read 1 Corinthians 10:31. As a Christian, God's love must saturate your

intentions that all you do will be for His glory. You must have so much of Jesus Christ that you want to give Him away. Think of your life in general and ask, "How am I giving God the glory through my actions?" "Would others see Jesus in what I do or in how I react to circumstances around me?"

5. The second principle is that transformation should center on your obedience. Living your life according to God's will and desire means you need to obey His Word, but what does obedience to Jesus Christ entail? In what areas of your life does obedience become a real challenge? How does your transformation get tested? How could you turn these into opportunities give glory to God?
6. The third principle is that transformation comes out of brokenness. Just like Jesus Who must suffer and be broken before He could be glorified, you as His follower must also be broken for God's glory to shine through. Share a personal experience of how you were broken by the Lord and discuss how this brokenness brought change in your life. Why would a church or a person's testimony become irrelevant if change does not occur?

Walk

If you were to see Christ in all His glory, how do you think would it prompt you to fully obey Him? In what ways does God reveal Himself to you today? Examine the current you. Does your life bring glory to God? Is the way you live centered on obedience out of brokenness?

Worship & Prayer

Join the Corporate Prayer Time every Friday, 7:15-8:00pm at the Balcony

Pray for...

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More transformed life to be witnessed among the GCCP worshippers. • Wisdom and guidance for Rev. Tan as he prepares for the Culture Wars series. • Godly camaraderie to be fostered during the GCCP Badminton Tournament. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wisdom and guidance for PROCLAIM! Choral Festival preparations. • Healing and grace for those who are sick, lonely and suffering. • Wisdom and grace for those taking the Medical Technology board exam. |
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