

Home Group notes for the week following Sunday 15th February 2015

THE TRANSFIGURATION

As we gather

During His ministry, Jesus tried to open the minds of the disciples to what it meant to be one of His followers, and to the nature of the kingdom of God. He knew the Jewish mindset and expectations concerning Messiah and tried to change these by revealing the nature of God through His teachings and actions.

Reading Scripture **MARK 9 : 2 - 9**

Throughout their time with Jesus the disciples witnessed and experienced many signs of His divine authority, power and glory

How do you think you would have felt if you had been one of the disciples during that time? Discuss

- **Authority** Mark 1:21-27 Mark 3:13-15
- **Power** Mark 5:21-42 Mark 4:35-41
- **Glory** Mark 6:45-52 John 1:1-3 + 14-18

Share with each other a situation in which you have personally witnessed or experienced the authority or power or glory of Jesus

On His last journey to Jerusalem, Jesus tried to prepare His disciples for what was to occur there during the Passover [Mark 8:31-33 + Mark 14:22-25], but found they were not yet ready to understand, even though Peter had had an 'ah-ha' moment at Caesarea Philippi [Mark 8:27-29]

Why do you think the disciples found it so hard to make the connection between Scripture (prophesies) and what they saw and heard? Discuss

How often have you had a problem making a positive connection between what the Bible teaches and your situation? Discuss

Not long after leaving Caesarea Philippi, Jesus took Peter, James and John with Him up into the mountain to pray (Mark 9:2-9).

Being sleepy the three nearly missed seeing the wonderful transformation of Jesus as He spoke with Moses and Elijah [Luke 9:32]

Have you missed seeing / experiencing the wonder / glory of Jesus due to inattention / distraction of busyness? Discuss

Both the Law and prophecies (Moses and Elijah) find fulfilment in Christ [Hebrews 1:1-3 and 2 Peter 1:16-21]

What was the significance of the mountain-top experience for Jesus? Discuss

What was the significance of the mountain-top experience for the disciples? Discuss

**What is the significance of the Transfiguration for us? Discuss
[John 17:22-24 Romans 12:1-2 2 Corinthians 3:7-18 (17-18)]**

In Closing

Jesus has given to all Christ-followers His authority [Matthew 28:18-20], His power [Luke 24:44-49 and Acts 2:4], and His glory [John 13:1-3 + 6 + 20-22].

How do you use these precious gifts?

Prayer

Holy God, you have revealed the glory of your love in Christ Jesus,
and have given us a share in your Spirit.

May we who listen to Christ follow faithfully and, in the dark places
where you send us, reveal the light of Christ's gospel. Amen