

King and Cross || Turning Point

Group Notes

INTRODUCTION

The transfiguration is the turning point in *Mark* to Jesus heading to the cross. At the beginning of Jesus' ministry, the Father speaks affirmation over him at baptism and here at the turn, the Father speaks encouragement over him again on the mountain. James, Peter, and John experience the presence of God; it is literally a "mountain top" experience. They get a glimpse of glory and they worship God. Worship is a preview of what all our hearts are longing for, the full unbridled presence of God and it fuels Jesus and the disciples for what will follow.

CONVERSATION STARTERS

1. Who is a person you admire and why?
2. What is a highlight from your week?

SERMON NOTES REVIEW

Looking back at your message notes from this weekend's teaching, was there anything that caught your attention, challenged you, or confused you?

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GROUP DISCUSSION

1. When have you experienced a really powerful moment of worship?
2. How has God's presence fueled you to follow Him?
3. God affirms Jesus at his baptism ([Mark 1:9-11](#)) and at his transfiguration ([Mark 9:2-7](#)).
 - What is similar about these two instances? What is different?
 - Why was it important for God to affirm Jesus at these times?
4. Read these affirmations of what God says about you: [1 John 3:1](#), [Galatians 4:6-7](#), [Colossians 1:22](#), [John 15:15](#), [Ephesians 1:4-8](#), [Ephesians 2:10](#), [Romans 8:1-2](#), [1 Peter 5:7](#)
 - What do these affirmations say about who God is?
 - What do they say about who we are?
 - Do any of these particularly speak to you and what is happening in your life right now?
5. Do you have a good routine for regularly spending time experiencing God's presence? If yes, what is your routine? If no, what could you do to create that routine?

PRAYER

Take some time to pray for one another. Thank God for His presence in our lives. Ask him to help you experience his presence and to do what he says.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Baptisms are this weekend, March 4 & 5! If you have said YES to Jesus but have not been baptized, we invite you to take this step. Sign up at baptism.sv.cc.
- Summer Global Mission Trip registrations will be closing this week! If you have been considering joining one of our teams in Nicaragua or South Africa, please be sure to secure your spot now with your \$100 deposit. For more information about our Global Mission Trip opportunities or to register, visit world.sv.cc or contact Ashley Smallwood at asmallwood@sunvalleycc.com with any questions.