



{INVITATIONS} CELEBRATE.

On the Mountaintop: Glimpsing the Glory of Jesus

Psalm 2; Exodus 24:12-18; Matthew 17:1-9; 2 Peter 1:16-21

GETTING STARTED

Can you think of a time when you thought you knew someone well and then was surprised when something new was discovered about them?

READ AND REFLECT

Read Matthew 17:1-9.

What is the significance of the *mountaintop*? Can you think of other significant mountaintops (or mounts) in the Old and New Testaments?

Do you think the disciples thought they knew Jesus pretty well leading up to Matthew 17? How do you think the transfiguration changed them and what they knew?

How does Matthew 17 connect to Exodus 24:12-18?

What do you learn about God (and Jesus) through Psalm 2? Does the language of this Psalm surprise you? Why or why not?

ENGAGE AND DISCUSS

Describe a mountaintop experience you have had with God—when God broke into your life in a noticeable way that changed or marked you.

Do you think we need mountaintop experiences? Are we to live on mountaintops? Explain your answer.

What happens to your life without mountaintop experiences? Is it possible to miss these experiences? How so?

What is your reaction to this quote by Kevin DeYoung?

*"This Christ is not a reflection of the current mood or the projection of our own desires. He is our Lord and God. He is the Father's Son, Savior of the world, and substitute for our sins—more loving, more holy, and more wonderfully terrifying than we ever thought possible."*ⁱ

NEXT STEPS

- Pray to meet Jesus the mountaintop as Lord and God.
- Read and reflect on the Lectionary passages this week.
- How do you sense the Spirit calling you to respond to this lesson and these Scriptures?
- Begin reflecting on the Lenten journey that is now upon us. Seek to engage one of the church connecting points to go deeper with God and others these next six weeks.

ⁱ Kevin DeYoung, "Who Do You Say That I Am?" *Restless and Reformed Blog* (posted 6-10-09).