

Mark 9:2-13

The glory of the beloved Son

MAIN IDEA

We become “like” whatever we worship.

The more we see Jesus as glorious, the more we are transformed (changed) into his likeness.

MAIN POINTS

- What they saw
- Why they needed to see it
- What we need to see

QUESTIONS

Q: What did these disciples see and experience on the mountain? What do you think it means that Jesus was hanging out with Moses and Elijah?

- Leader: The entire Old Testament points to Jesus.

Q: In the sermon, Scott mentioned that one of the reasons the disciples needed this experience of grace (the transfiguration) was to prepare them for the suffering they would experience later (with faith). How do you think most modern Americans think about times of suffering? How do you think most religious people think about suffering (“Christians” too)? How should we think about suffering?

Q: Has God ever given you an “experience” of his grace in order to prepare you for a time of suffering later? If so, share that experience.

Q: The main reason for this experience was for these disciples to be transformed more into being like Jesus. Do you agree that we become like whatever we worship? That “the more we see Jesus as glorious, the more we are transformed into his likeness? If so, why?

OTHER PASSAGES

2 Corinthians 3:18

And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

Hebrews 1:1-3

In the past, God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all

things, and through whom he made the universe. 3The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word.