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The Gospel of Matthew

WEEK 3 - THE TRANSFIGURATION (PETER III) OVERVIEW

In the final week of our Peter miniseries, we see this rash, eager, and imperfect disciple witnessing the true nature of Jesus as the son of God during the transfiguration. In this sacred moment, Jesus takes three of his disciples away to a high mountain where he is transformed into a being of radiant light, pouring the glory of God into the world. Peter's reaction is predictably bumbling but reflects his faith in Jesus. This moment, especially with Peter's impending denial of Jesus at his trial looming in the not-too-distant future, is an invitation to consider our own faith and willingness to allow the light of Christ to transform our understanding of reality.

*As the men watched, Jesus' appearance was transformed so that his face shone like the sun,
and his clothes became as white as light.*

Matthew 17:2

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Have you ever blurted out something embarrassing when meeting someone great? Share the story.
2. Read Matthew 17:1-13.
 - a. Why did Jesus take only Peter, James, and John with him up the mountain?
 - b. How would you describe what happened on that mountaintop?
 - c. What did God's words mean for Peter and the disciples in verse 5? What do these words mean for us?
 - d. How do you think this experience impacted the disciples' relationship with Jesus?
 - e. How did this experience transform the lives of Peter, James, and John? (see 2 Peter 1:16-21 and Acts 4:13)
3. Have you ever had an experience which you would consider to be a "mountaintop experience"? What effect did it have on you?
4. How can we learn to see things from God's perspective, not merely from a human point of view? (see Matthew 16:23, Romans 12:2)
5. Maron said that "Jesus has the power to transform your life." How have you seen evidence of this truth? (see also 2 Corinthians 3:12-18)