

Living Connections Bible Study



A Glimpse of the Future

Text: Matthew 17:1-8

Prayer:

1. What looming, devastating, and catastrophic event did Jesus need to prepare His disciples for? Matthew 16:21

2. After telling His disciples what would happen to Him at Jerusalem what did Jesus promise that a few of His disciples would have the privilege of seeing? Matthew 16:28

3. How many days after this prediction did Jesus take Peter, James and John up to the summit of this high mountain for a prayer meeting? Matthew 17:1; Mark 9:2; Luke 9:28

4. Describe what happened to Jesus as He prayed with His disciples?
Matthew 17:2; Mark 9:3; Luke 9:29

The word *transfigured* here comes from the Greek word *metemorphoo*, from which we get our English word *metamorphosis*. Metamorphosis is when a caterpillar is changed into a butterfly or a tadpole into a frog. Transfiguration takes place from the inside out. Jesus' glory and radiance came from within. It was not a reflective glory as when the sun reflects from our faces, but light shown out from Him like the radiant glory coming from the sun. The glory of God was shining out of Him.

5. How did John and Peter recall this event when they wrote about it years later?
John 1:14

2 Peter 1:16-18

6. What desire did Jesus express to His Father as He prayed the night before His crucifixion? John 17:5

7. Describe the glorified Christ as seen by John in his vision on Patmos.
Revelation 1:12-16

8. Why was it important for Jesus to reveal His future glory to His disciples?

9. Who besides Jesus shared in His glory at His Transfiguration, and how would this encourage the disciples about our future?
Matthew 17:3; Luke 9:30-31; 1 John 3:1-3

10. Do we have to wait till we get to Heaven to share in Christ's glory and to reflect His image?

John 17:22 _____

Romans 8:28-30 _____

Thessalonians 2:13-14 _____

11. How does God by His Spirit transform /transfigure (metamorphosis) into the image of His Son?

Romans 12:1-2 _____

2 Corinthians 3:18 _____

12. How is the cloud that overshadowed the disciples an apt picture of God the Father and what important lesson does the Father teach us hear about His Son?
Matthew 17:5-6; Exodus 13:21; 1 Timothy 6:15-16; John 1:18; 14:6-9; Hebrews 1:1-3; 2 Corinthians 4:6

13. What does knowing Jesus personally enable us to do?
Matthew 17:7-8; 1Timothy 2:5; Hebrews 4:16

Think about it this week:

God was saying at the transfiguration: *Here is the future. Here is where you are headed. Yes, there is going to be lots of pain and suffering in Jerusalem, but I want you to see what it's going to look like in the end, because your Master is going to be glorified.* The Christ you serve and the Kingdom you are investing your lives in is not a lost cause. Christ and His Church will take everything the gates of Hell can throw at us. But His Kingdom cannot be defeated. It shall never end. And we are going enter into His glory.