

Sermon Discussion Guide

Transfiguration Sunday March 2, 2025

Summary

This sermon focuses on the Transfiguration of Jesus, where He revealed His divine glory to Peter, James, and John on the mountain. The pastor emphasizes how this revelation of Jesus' true divine nature was crucial for the disciples before entering the dark period of Lent and Christ's passion. The sermon particularly highlights the significance of Jesus' hands - both in their human form and divine power - and how they represent God's work of blessing, healing, and salvation.

Intro Prayer

Heavenly Father, as we gather to discuss Your Word, open our hearts and minds to understand the significance of Christ's transfiguration. Help us see Your glory revealed in Jesus and guide our discussion to draw us closer to You. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Ice Breaker

What's the most dramatic transformation or change you've witnessed in nature (like a caterpillar becoming a butterfly)?

Key Verses

Luke 9:28-36

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Hebrews 3:1-6

Questions

Why do you think God chose to reveal Jesus' glory specifically at this moment before His journey to Jerusalem?

How does the presence of Moses and Elijah at the Transfiguration connect the Old Testament to Jesus' ministry?

What significance do you see in Peter's reaction to want to build three tents?

How does the Transfiguration help prepare us for the Lenten season?

In what ways does Jesus use His hands throughout His ministry to show both His humanity and divinity?

How can we be the 'hands of Christ' to others in our daily lives?

What does it mean to you that Jesus revealed His divine nature while still in human form?

How does seeing Jesus' glory help us during difficult times in our faith journey?

Life Application

This week, be intentional about using your hands to serve others as Christ's representatives. Keep a journal of the different ways you use your hands to bless others and reflect on how this connects to Christ's ministry.

Key Takeaways

The Transfiguration reveals Jesus' true divine nature while in human form

Jesus' hands represent both His humanity and divine power to bless and heal

This revelation strengthened the disciples for the challenging times ahead

We are called to be Christ's hands in the world today

The Transfiguration connects the Old Testament promises with their fulfillment in Christ

Ending Prayer

Lord Jesus, thank you for revealing Your glory to us. Help us to carry the light of Your transfiguration into the dark places of our world. Guide our hands to be instruments of Your love and grace to others. In Your holy name, Amen.