

## Personal Devotion & Small Group Bible Study Lesson

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### Memory Verse: 2 Corinthians 3:17-18

<sup>17</sup> Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. <sup>18</sup> And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect (*mirror*) the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

### Read: Mark 9:2-8

1. What do you think it would have been like to be in the presence of the Jesus when He reflected the glory of the LORD?

We are in a continuing journey to see Jesus for who He really is but I think seeing Him in all of His glory would be something to behold and never forget. It would change everything. I would be so much more moved to live for Him and keep my eyes upon Him.

2. How might that have changed your life?

It would lead me to praise and worship Him. It would convince my will to follow Him closer. I would listen more, obey more, worship more, live for Him more.

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3. What does it mean to reflect the Lords glory?

Letting Jesus shine in you so that you become a mirror image of Him. We are being transformed into His image.

The Greek word, *Metamorphoō*, is translated in the Bible as transfigured, transformed, or changed, and is found in the two gospel accounts describing Jesus' transfiguration on the mountain, Matthew 17:2 and Mark 9:2, as well as in Romans 12:2 and our memory verse this week, 2 Corinthians 3:18 which speak about the change in us.

In all of these accounts, "*transformation*" comes about as a result from being in the presence of the LORD!

4. So the question is how should prepare yourself to enter into the presence of the LORD?

Ask people to share:

Among the steps I should take would include approaching God with humility and love. It is remembering who he is and begin humble and thankful before Him. It is also remembering who I am and being humble and repentant before Him.

5. What do you do to prepare yourself for a time of Worship?

Ask people to share: Setting aside and apart a time for praying and preparing myself to meet Him in worship is so important before actually coming into worship. It enhances my attentiveness to Him. I take time to pray before I enter every worship service so that I might experience the presence of Jesus. He is already there and I don't want to miss Him. Even during our time of worship, I will pause and pray as the singing or speaking is going on to ask the Spirit of Christ to reveal Himself in power and

glory. I should come to worship expecting to experience His presence. And I should expect the presence to change me.

6. What do you do to prepare yourself for time in the Word?

Ask people to share: Listening through the word and being willing to obey is vital in my life. Setting aside private uninterrupted time with God is so important so I can enter into His presence and allow Him to work transformation in me.

#### **Personal Devotion Time: Discovery Bible Study**

1. Each day I want you to read the passage of the day and then focus in on the key verse.
2. Write down the key verse word for word to help you concentrate on the words and to remember it.
3. Think about what the verse means and then write down whatever you discover from the verse about God, Jesus or yourself.
4. Write about how you want to respond to the verse. This may become a prayer of request to God or it may be how you will obey what God is telling you to do or even what He is telling you to believe and accept.

#### **Meditation Reading of The Day**

- Day 1: Mark 8:27-38 (Key Verse – Mark 8:34)
- Day 2: Mark 9:1-13 (Key Verse – Mark 9:8)
- Day 3: Exodus 33:7-23 (Key Verse – Exodus 33:18)
- Day 4: Exodus 34 (Key Verse – Exodus 34:29)
- Day 5: 2 Corinthians 3:7-18 (Key Verse 2 Corinthians 3:18)
- Day 6: 2 Corinthians 4:1-6 (Key Verse 2 Corinthians 4:6)
- Day 7: 2 Corinthians 4:7-18 (Key Verse 2 Corinthians 4:18)