

**Sermon Notes, February 14, 2010**

**Cross Talk**

Luke 9:28-36 (Matthew 17:1-9)

**Three Contemporary Thoughts About Jesus.**

(Luke 9:18 NIV) *Once when Jesus was praying in private and his disciples were with him, he asked them, "Who do the crowds say I am?"*

1. John the Baptist = A Great Moral \_\_\_\_\_
2. Elijah = A Worker of \_\_\_\_\_
3. The Prophets = A Great \_\_\_\_\_

**Peter's Confession.**

(Luke 9:20 NIV) *"But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" Peter answered, "The Christ of God."*

**The Argument.** \_\_\_\_\_

(Mat 16:21-23 NIV) *From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life. {22} Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. "Never, Lord!" he said. "This shall never happen to you!" {23} Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of men."*

**The Lonesome Valley.** \_\_\_\_\_

**The Glimpse of Glory.** \_\_\_\_\_

(Luke 9:28-29 NIV) *About eight days after Jesus said this, he took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray. {29} As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning.*

**TWO IMPORTANT TRUTHS FOR BELIEVERS  
FOUND IN JESUS' "CROSS TALK"**

1. **We Will Share in Christ's** \_\_\_\_\_ . \_\_\_\_\_  
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(Luke 9:30-31a NIV) *Two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared in glorious splendor, talking with Jesus.*

(Luke 9:22 NIV) *And he said, "The Son of Man must suffer many things . . . and he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life."*

2. **We Will Share in Christ's** \_\_\_\_\_ . \_\_\_\_\_  
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(Luke 9:31b NIV) *They spoke about his departure, which he was about to bring to fulfillment at Jerusalem.*

(Luke 9:23-24 NIV) *Then he said to them all: "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. {24} For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will save it.*

- Listening to Jesus.** \_\_\_\_\_  
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(Luke 9:34-35 NIV) *While he was speaking, a cloud appeared and enveloped them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. {35} A voice came from the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him."*

- "Do Not Be Afraid".** \_\_\_\_\_  
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(Mat 17:6-7 NIV) *When the disciples heard this, they fell facedown to the ground, terrified. {7} But Jesus came and touched them. "Get up," he said. "Don't be afraid."*

- Facing the Difficulties of Life.** \_\_\_\_\_  
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(Mat 17:9 NIV) *As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus instructed them, "Don't tell anyone what you have seen, until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."*

[Pastor Mark thanks Rev. Colin Smith for help with today's sermon].

# Sermon-based Small Group Discussion Guide

Week of February 14, 2010

Luke 9:28-36, Exodus 3:1-6, Psalm 99, 2 Cor.3:12-4:2

**Icebreaker:** Describe a bright light experience that you have had? Or, describe a time you said something you regretted.

1. The disciples seemed to be pretty good opinion pollsters. What were they hearing the crowds say about Jesus (9:19)? Describe some popular views about Jesus today.
2. How does Peter's confession differ from what the crowds were saying (vs. 20)?
3. Pastor Mark alluded to the sharp disagreement between Jesus and Peter that may not have been resolved for eight days (Matt. 16:22-23). What was the disagreement?
4. Eight days before the transfiguration Jesus said that we should take up our cross daily and follow Him (9:23). What do you think he meant?
5. Describe a time in your life when you were unhappy/distressed about the direction God was taking your life.
6. Jesus broke the eight day silence by introducing three of his disciples to a glimpse of His glory. We call it the transfiguration (9:29). Peter was right in saying that it was good to be at the transfiguration (vs. 33). They were eye witnesses to Majesty. What do you think was good about it?
7. Imagine being awakened to an event like the transfiguration. Why do you think they felt fearful (vs. 34)?
8. Peter was wrong by offering to make three shelters. Typically this is interpreted as an attempt to prolong the visit of these three important persons. What was wrong with that?
9. Another interpretation is that Peter's words indicate he understood this as Jesus being elevated to the stature of Moses (law giver) and Elijah (first prophet). What wrong with that?
10. It's hard not to see a foretaste of the glory of exalted Jesus. Are there any clues in the transfiguration account that can help us understand something about what heaven might be like? Take into account the presence of Moses and Elijah. Recall your own Bible knowledge about heaven.
11. Read II Thessalonians 2:14. What do you think it means to "share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ"? How can sharing in his glory make a difference in your life today?
12. Have you given much thought to heaven lately? What will it be like? Are you looking forward to it?
13. How does living with eternity's values in view work out in your life?
14. In the midst of the disciples' confusion and consternation, God told them to listen to Jesus. How are you doing at listening to God's voice?

## Prayer:

Pray for the establishment of the EFCA Haiti Crisis Relief base camp.

Pray for those outside of Christ.

Pray for one another's needs.