

MATTHEW 17 Community Group Questions

Matthew 17:1-9

1—Where have you seen the Lord show up in your week? When did you feel closest to Jesus this past week?

Read Matthew 17:1-3. Below are the similarities between Moses' experience on Mt. Sinai with God and Jesus' transfiguration story.

Moses and Mt. Sinia (Exodus 19-24, 32-34)

- v.1--"After six days"—alludes to Moses' six days on Mt. Sinai—God calls out to Moses on the 7th day (Ex 24:16-18)
- v.1—Jesus brings Peter, James and John. Moses brings three of his inner circle up the Sinai.
- v.2—"Jesus' face shines. Moses' face shines (Ex 34).
- v.5—"a voice from the cloud"—God calls out to Moses from the cloud.
- In both passages of scripture, God speaks.

2—Why do you think Matthew records so many parallels between Moses and Jesus? How would you feel if you were Peter, James or John?

3—What does it mean to be "transfigured?"

4—Read Matthew 17:4-8. Why do you think God interrupts Peter? What does it look like when God interrupts us?

5—What is significant in what the voice (God) says about Jesus? When else in scripture have you heard God say, "This is my Son?" See Matthew 3:17.

6—How did you come to realize that Jesus was the one, above all others, that you should listen to?

7—Which point from Sunday's message best resonates with you?

- Jesus is who He says He is so listen to Him!
- It's feasible to experience a glimpse of the future kingdom.
- We can trust what the scriptures say about Jesus.
- Every glimpse of the kingdom evokes a response.
- Obedience to God is key to experiencing the kingdom.

8—What are you hearing from the Lord in Matthew 17:1-9?