

Participants Homework

For the week of February 28 – March 4, 2022

LOVE NEVER ENDS: BEING THE BODY OF CHRIST *SEEING THE GLORY*

GATHERING: GETTING TO KNOW YOU

- How well do you embrace change? Can change ever be good?"

GROWING: GOING DEEPER

Reflecting on the message: **Hold Firmly** that Pastor Tim shared with us.

Read Luke 9:28-36 (37-43)

- How do you think Peter, John, and James reacted to seeing Jesus' face and clothes change (in verse 29)?
- What do you think the Luke passage means when it says that Moses and Elijah appeared "in glory" (v. 31)?
- Why might it have been significant that Moses and Elijah were speaking to Jesus about "his departure" (or could be read as 'exodus')?
- When has God astounded you? [May be a positive example; for example, "looking into a clear night sky" or negative "Why didn't God heal that person?"]
- Have you ever been astonished by the church? [May be positive—"They were there for me in a time of need"—or negative—"People asked me not to come back."]
- Toward whom are Jesus' harsh words directed in verse 41? The crowd or the disciples exclusively? How do you think they felt at hearing Jesus' words?
- Why do you think Peter desired to stay on the mountain of Transfiguration (v. 33)?

GOING: TAKING IT HOME

Moses, Elijah, and Jesus apparently discussed Jesus' departure in Jerusalem (v. 31). Yet Peter wanted to stay at this site of revelation and epiphany. Peter desires to stay, even when the mission is clearly to go somewhere else. How can the church have a similar mindset of desiring to stay in its current state instead of seeking to be about the mission of God in the world? How can we, individually, have a similar mindset about being reluctant to face change?

Memorization Verse

Then a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, my Chosen One.^{6a} Listen to him."

Luke 9:35

Prayer Requests:



Sending Prayer: God of Transformation, we confess that we are reluctant to change, even when it might be for our best. Help us to trust and rest in knowing that for whatever change happens, your love will remain constant. Empower us to trust that your grace is leading us toward sanctification and even glorification. Amen.



Growth Group Community Service Project

We ask every group to take on at least one service project a year (the ideal is two) and to have at least one social gathering (potluck) per half a year. Please consider with your group members of what community service you'd like to participate in. There is a project list made by our church that you can join in and outside the church.

ⁱ Rev. Dr. Derek Weber, Love Never Ends: Well Pleased, Discipleship Ministries, Nashville