Discussion and Reflection Questions Transfiguration Year B - 11th of February 2024

Read: Mark 9.2-9

² Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³ and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴ And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵ Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' ⁶ He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷ Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!' ⁸ Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. ⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Discussion & Reflection Questions

- 1. Other than the resurrection appearances this passage is Jesus' most significant transformation... but Jesus talks about transformation & his ministry models transformation. While we might not be transfigured, what is Jesus' example of transformation mean to you?
- 2. In your experience has God worked in radical or slow transformation (or both) in your life?
- 3. Have you ever witnessed radical or slow transformation in yourself or someone else? What impact did witnessing the transformation of another have on you?
- 4. Peter wants to stay right where they were on the mountain, what are the impacts of resisting change & denying transformation?
- 5. We're entering a season of transformation & reflection with Lent. How can being intentional help transformation? Have you ever practiced "spiritual disciplines"?
- 6. While God's word is constant we need to allow ongoing transformation. How can we help people understand the transforming power of God when they don't have a background in the church?

Prayer

Almighty God, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us faith to perceive his glory, that being strengthened by his grace we may be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.