

This Week's Principle:

A disciple is a person who has a personal relationship with Jesus, knows and obeys Jesus' commands, and intentionally makes other disciples for Christ.

Scripture

And Jesus said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men."
Mark 1:17

⁵ I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.
John 15:5

Key Thought

The definition for transfigure in Webster's says, "to give a new and typically exalted or spiritual appearance to: transform outwardly and usually for the better." Read Philippians 2:5-8. When it says that Jesus was transfigured in verse 2, does it mean he unveiled fully who he really is, or does it mean that he was a regular person who then became God? Why is it important to know that it is a complete unveiling and not him changing from one thing to another?

The Transfiguration

Mark 9:1-13

Introduction: Describe your most impactful worship experience you have had in your life.

1. Read Mark 9:2. Why does Mark connect Jesus' discussion about suffering in Mark 8:31-9:1 with this story? Based on what you know of the Bible, why did Jesus choose to take Peter, James, and John with him?

Application: Who are you investing in personally to help them grow as a Christian?

2. Read Genesis 22:1-2; Exodus 3:1; Exodus 19:16-20. What was the significance of mountains in these three passages? What is the significance of Jesus taking these three disciples to a mountain?

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4. Read **Isaiah 1:18**; Daniel 12:10; **Ephesians 5:27**; Revelation 1:12-17; Revelation 7:14; Revelation 19:14. What is the meaning or symbolism behind his "garments became radiant and exceedingly white?" Read Leviticus 11:44. What is the significance of Jesus' holiness?

5. Read Mark 9:4. How did they know it was Elijah and Moses? Read Malachi 4:4-6. What is the theological significance of Elijah and Moses appearing with Jesus?

6. Read Mark 9:5-6. What was Peter suggesting that they do? Why did Peter say something, even though he didn't know what to say? What is the best thing to do if you don't know what to say?

Application: Why is it important that we as Christians NOT seek to stay in the midst of "mountaintop experiences" but go back to the "real world" to do ministry?

7. Read Mark 9:7-8. The wording of Peter's suggestion is that Jesus is like Moses and Elijah in his understanding, so what is the significance of the voice saying "This is my beloved Son; listen to him." What is the significance that Mark describes that Moses and Elijah have disappeared and only Jesus remains?

8. Read Mark 9:9-10. Why did Jesus tell Peter, James, and John to not tell what they had seen until after the Resurrection? Read John 20:1-9. How are these verses in Mark 9 connected with John 20:1-9? Why was it hard for them to understand what rising from the dead means, in light of Mark 5:35-43?

9. Read Mark 9:11-13. Is it surprising to you that Jesus affirmed the teachings of the Scribes on this topic, why or why not? Based on Jesus' answer in verse 12 & 13, what is the emphasis supposed to be upon, Elijah or the Messiah? Do you think the hearers of this lesson connected Jesus' mention of suffering with Isaiah 52:13 – 53:12?

Vision, Mission, Values, & Principles

The Vision

Our vision is to see the fulfillment of the Great Commission through our lives, families, and ministries.

Matthew 28:18-20

The Mission

Our mission is to lead people to KNOW Christ, teach them to GROW in Christ, and equip them to SERVE Christ.

Colossians 2:6-7

Core Values

We value the TRUTH of God's Word, the LOVE of God's heart, and SERVICE in his kingdom

2 Timothy 3:16-17, Matthew 22:36-40, Matthew 23:11

A Disciple

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Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 1:17; John 15:5-17

Core Principles for Family Groups

Abiding Relationship with Jesus

(John 15:4-7): every group member will have a personal relationship with Jesus that transforms how they live their life.

Reach the Lost

(Luke 19:10; Matthew 28:18-20): every member shares their faith with those who do not know Jesus and celebrates when a person makes a decision for Christ

Connect the Unconnected

(Hebrews 10:24-25): every member is connected with Jesus and with the church. Each person is connected in an intentional relational environment for the purpose of becoming a disciple.

Chase the Strays *(Luke 15:4):* every Christian who has strayed from Christ will be valued, noticed, and pursued.

Shepherd Towards Maturity

(Colossians 1:28; 2 Cor. 3:18): every person in our church is progressing in spiritual maturity and becoming more like Jesus Christ.

Identify, Equip, and Empower

Leaders *(Ephesians 4:11-12):* we will fulfill the command of Ephesians 4 to equip believers for ministry, empower them to be who God created them to be, and send them out to serve.

Function as a Team

(John 17:21-23): we will be unified as a group and as a church as commanded in John 17, and we will function and work as a team pursuing God's purposes.

Announcements

Sunday Morning Schedule

Our new schedule is 9:00 am and 10:30 am services and Family Group Bible studies.

As part of the change, our 9:00 am service will be a modern service, while our 10:30 am service will be a "Classic" service with old and new hymns.

Find a Group

If you are not in a Bible study, you can find a listing of current groups on our website: familychurchpc.com and click on Family Groups.