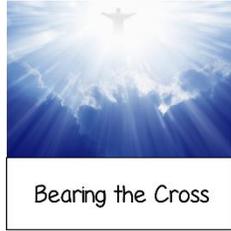


God's Story Your Story

February 15, 2015



Matthew 17:1-2
Faith 5 – A pattern for shaping a life of faith

SHARE:

What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?

READ: Reflect on the key verse from Sunday's reading, *Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white.* Matthew 17:1-2

TALK:

- What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?
- What actions or behaviors are taboo in your community? How would your community respond if Jesus came and performed those actions? Why would Jesus behave in a manner contrary to social norms?
- What truths do you hold dear, that could stand to be challenged? (In other words, have you ever considered that you might be wrong?) What would happen if you gave others the opportunity to be right?

PRAY:

God who transfigured Jesus on the mountaintop, change us from the inside out. Transform our hearts so that we might shine with the light of your love, for the glory of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

BLESS:

God who transfigures, enlighten us in your word this day. Let us hear your voice in new ways. Amen.

Some Background

Jesus' transfiguration is a bit of a mystery. Yet we can still learn from it. Jesus' appearance changed right before the disciples' eyes; light shined from his face and his clothing became dazzling white. God's glory shined through him that day. Jesus spoke with Moses and Elijah. Moses represented the law, and Elijah represented the prophets. Their presence suggests that Jesus came to fulfill the law and the prophets. Jesus was the one they had been waiting for.

Follow the teachings of Jesus, which occur shortly before his transfiguration.

Sunday, Matthew 16:24-17:8, *Bearing the Cross; Transfiguration*

Monday, Psalm 41:7-10, *Psalm*

Tuesday, Matthew 12:1-14, *Teachings of Jesus*

Wednesday, Matthew 18:1-9, *Who Is the Greatest?*

Thursday, Matthew 12:15-32, *Teachings of Jesus*

Friday, Matthew 12:33-50, *Teachings of Jesus*

Saturday, Matthew 13:1-23, *Parables of Jesus*