



Things to Talk About and Reflect Upon

"The Mountain They Couldn't Talk About"

Points from Sunday's Message

Point 1 - Human frailty can stand between us and what God has for us.

Point 2 - The Law and the Prophets — Moses and Elijah represent the unfolding of God's redemptive purposes that are fulfilled in Jesus.

Point 3 - Our natural instinct resists the way of the cross — but the Father insists: Hear Him!

Point 4 - The Mount of Transfiguration finds its ultimate fulfillment on another mountain called Calvary.

Key Verse:

"And a voice came from the cloud, saying, 'This is My beloved Son. Hear Him!'"

—Luke 9:35

Discussion Questions:

1. Peter, James, and John were "heavy with sleep" and nearly missed seeing Jesus glorified. What are the "human frailties" (exhaustion, distraction, busyness, pride, impatience) that most often dull your own spiritual perception?

Further Reading: Matthew 26:36-45 (the disciples fall asleep again, in Gethsemane).

2. Jesus didn't send His sleepy disciples away — He kept inviting them in. What does it look like practically to bring your weakness honestly to God instead of hiding it or trying to fix it yourself first?

3. Moses (the law) and Elijah (the prophets) appear with Jesus, showing that the whole Old Testament points to Him. Pick one Old Testament story or figure — how does it point forward to Jesus?

Further Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-19 (Moses' prophecy of a coming prophet); Luke 24:25-27

4. Peter wanted to build tabernacles and stay on the mountain rather than let Jesus lead the group toward Jerusalem and the cross. Where in your life are you tempted to hold onto a "mountaintop" experience with God rather than follow Him into something harder He's calling you to?

5. God's instruction from the cloud was simple: "Hear Him." Pastor Garrett noted we often default to serving/building for God rather than sitting and listening to Him. What's one practical step you could take this week to actually make space to listen to Jesus?

Further Reading: Luke 10:38-42 (Mary and Martha)

6. The message says the transfiguration finds its "ultimate fulfillment" on Calvary — glory and suffering are inseparable in Jesus' story. Why do you think we're often drawn to wanting the glory of Christ without the cost of the cross, and how does communion help us remember both?

Further Reading: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Philippians 3:10

Use these blended questions for deeper personal reflection, prayer, or small group discussion.