

Prepare the Way
Transfiguration and the Cost of Discipleship

Read: Matthew 16:21-23, Matthew 17:1-13

1. In Matthew 16:21-13 NIV- Peter wanted a Messiah of comfort rather than a Messiah of the cross.

- Why is it so easy for us to treat Jesus like a "spiritual consultant" who improves our lives rather than a "Holy King" who redirected them?

2. Where are you currently tempted to choose comfort over the cost of following Him?

3. When you look at your current circumstances—whether they are joyful or difficult—how does the reality of Jesus' literal, sun-bright glory change your perspective on His power to handle your situation?

4. In verse 5, the Father interrupts Peter to say, "Listen to Him!"

- Practically speaking, what does it look like for you to "silence" those other voices this week so that Jesus remains the "final Word" in your decisions?

5. When the cloud lifted, the disciples saw "no one except Jesus" (v. 8). When the "noise quiets" in your life, what usually fills that space?

6. How can we help each other keep our focus solely on Jesus when the "mountain-top" feelings fade?

7. The central theme of this message is: "You will never embrace the cost of discipleship until you see the worth of the One you're following."

- What currently holds more worth within your life than following Jesus?

8. What is one specific area where He is calling you to trust His worth more than what it might cost you?

Pray- Take time to pray for one another