

Royal Redeemer

CGS Community Discussion Guide

Based on the sermon for February 11, 2018
#Struggles - Worship



(For use as an opening Devotion, use only the highlighted portion)

- **Begin by sharing a high and/or a low from your week**

- **Connect**

- Worship can be really powerful, it can also be really funny; remember a time when you laughed your hardest in a church service. What prompted the laughter? How did people around you react?

- **Grow** (read this passage aloud and listen for words or phrases that speak into your life now)

After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them. 3 His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. 4 And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus.

5 Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." 6 (He did not know what to say, they were so frightened.)

7 Then a cloud appeared and covered them, and a voice came from the cloud: "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!"

8 Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus.

9 As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus gave them orders not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Mark 9:2-9

- Share any words or phrases that speak into your life today.
- Why is it significant that Jesus "took" Peter, James and John with him up on the mountain? Can we enter God's presence on our own?
- What obstacles may sometimes hold me back from full assent to the experience of worship?
- Read Psalm 84; Have you ever been moved to worship God because of the beauty of creation? When?

Reflect: *"Worship, then, is an avenue which leads the creature out from his inveterate self-occupation to a knowledge of God, and ultimately to that union with God which is the beatitude of the soul."*

- Evelyn Underhill

- **Serve**

- **How can you enhance the experience of worship for others? Find one way that you could enhance the worship of someone else this week. Maybe it's serving in the nursery so that parents can have a few moments to focus on God while a trustworthy person cares for their child. Maybe you could introduce yourself to someone you don't recognize and ask if you can get them anything from the cafe; coffee, donut, water, etc.?**

- **End with Prayer and the Lord's Prayer**