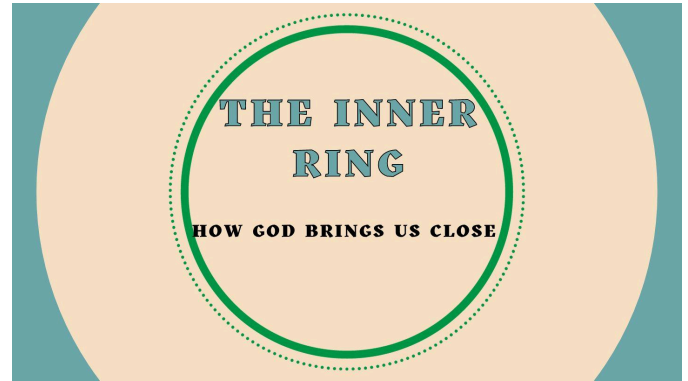


## Royal Redeemer Going Deeper Guide

Based on the sermon for February 11, 2024  
*The Inner Ring: Presence*

For personal reflection or for use as a devotion  
with CGS Community or family



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

- **CONNECT** *with each other*

- This Sunday is Super Bowl 58. Imagine if the Super Bowl were played with a giant balloon instead of a football. How would the dynamics of the game change, and which team do you think would have the best balloon-handling skills?

- **GROW** *in Christ*

*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 do Elijah and Moses appear with Jesus during the Transfiguration (Mark 9:4)? What might their presence signify?
- How does Peter respond to the vision of the Transfiguration, and what does his suggestion about building tents for Jesus, Moses, and Elijah reveal about his understanding?
- What does the voice from the cloud say in Mark 9:7, and how does it emphasize Jesus' identity?
- Jesus instructs Peter, James, and John to keep silent about what they witnessed until after the resurrection. Why might Jesus give this command, and what does it suggest about the unfolding of His mission?

- o Reflect on the significance of the Transfiguration in the larger context of Jesus' ministry. How does this event relate to His identity and mission?
- o Explore any connections between the Transfiguration and Old Testament themes or prophecies. How might this event fulfill or echo previous revelations?
- o In what ways does the Transfiguration display the glory of Jesus, and how might this concept of glory be understood in a biblical context?
- o How can the principles and themes in Mark 9:2-9 be applied to the lives of modern-day believers?
- o In what ways might the Transfiguration inspire Christians to approach their understanding of Jesus' identity and mission?

- **SERVE** *others*

During the month of February, Royal Redeemer is turning a spotlight on the work done by Kairos Prison Ministry International, Inc. Kairos is a Christian faith based ministry which addresses the spiritual needs of incarcerated men, women, youth and their families. By sharing the love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ, Kairos hopes to change hearts, transform lives and impact the world. As a ministry, Kairos embraces a diverse group of volunteers working together to fulfill Christ's call to action in Matthew 25:36. Royal Redeemer members support Kairos at Lebanon Correctional Institute, in Lebanon, Ohio. For more information on Kairos, contact Mark or Julia Pohl [markopholo@hotmail.com](mailto:markopholo@hotmail.com) and visit [kairosprisonministry.org](http://kairosprisonministry.org)

- **End with Prayer, the Lord's Prayer, or a short Blessing**

Heavenly Father, as we contemplate the transfiguration of your Son, Jesus, on the mountaintop, we come before you with awe and reverence. In that moment, you revealed the glory of Christ, affirming His divine nature and confirming His purpose.

Grant us, O Lord, the grace to behold the radiance of your presence in our lives. Like Peter, James, and John, may we experience the transformative power of your love and the assurance of your divine plan. In the midst of our daily challenges, lift us to the mountaintop of faith, where we can glimpse the majesty of your grace. Open our eyes to see the glory of your Son, and may His light dispel the shadows of doubt and fear that often cloud our hearts.

May the voice from the cloud resonate in our souls, reminding us to listen to Jesus, our beloved Savior and guide. Empower us to carry the message of His love and redemption to a world in need.

We offer this prayer in the name of Jesus, who shines as the Light of the world. Amen.