



Small Group Study Guide for February 15, 2026

Our Savior Lutheran Church and School

Theme: Peter, James, and John got to see Jesus in a whole new light on the mount of transfiguration. Jesus is just what the prophets foretold and more than we can imagine.

Getting Started: (sharing with each other)

1. What is the coolest mountain view you have ever had?
2. If you could be any superhero, which one would you want to be?

In the Word: Read Matthew 17:1-9

3. Special things happen on mountain tops in the Bible. Think of Moses getting the 10 commandments, or Elijah calling down fire before the prophets of Baal. When Jesus takes the disciples up a mountain, they must have known something special was about to happen. What happened to Jesus in verse 2?
4. Moses and Elijah were the two greatest prophets of the Old Testament. They also did not die naturally, but God “took” Elijah to heaven and “buried” Moses on Mt. Nebo. We don’t know exactly what they talked to Jesus about, but it must have been so exciting for them to see the Messiah! Why is Jesus even greater than Moses and Elijah?
5. The voice from the cloud is the voice of God the Father (because He says: This is my Son). God told Peter, James, and John to “Listen to Him!” (verses 5). How do Jesus’ disciples “listen to Him” today?
6. The voice from the cloud is the climax of the moment. What is significant about what happens after the voice speaks in the final verses of this passage?

In the Word: Read 2 Peter 1:16-21

7. Why is the testimony of the apostles so powerful, as explained in verse 16?

8. In addition to the eyewitness testimony of the apostles, what else do we have to base our faith on in verse 19?

9. The prophetic message and the apostolic witness form the Old Testament and New Testament of our Bibles. The Bible is not written by merely human writers. How does Peter describe the divine origin of the Scriptures in verse 21?

Pulling It All Together

10. Listening to Jesus means reading the Scriptures to see what Jesus is doing, hear what Jesus is saying, and consider what Jesus wants us to believe and do. What have you been reading in God's Word lately, and what is God moving you to do in response?

11. The three disciples had a "mountain top" experience with Jesus that must have taken their breath away. When was the last time you had a spiritual "mountain top experience" and God working in a powerful way?

12. The disciples couldn't stay on the mountain top, even after Peter offered to build shelters. They had to come down the mountain, and get back to the day to day. How do you know that Jesus is with you in the day to day, the mundane, and the grind, and what comfort does He give?

Prayer: Give adoration in your prayer to Jesus, the Son of God, greater than Moses and Elijah, who fulfilled the Scriptures, and who died and rose again for us. Use descriptive language to glorify Him. Ask Him to help us "listen to Him" and avoid the many voices in this world that would lead us astray. Thank Him for coming with us down the mountain and into the valleys of life to be our comfort and strength.

Next Week: We begin the season of Lent. In Matthew 4, Jesus is tempted by Satan in the wilderness for 40 days. We will spend 40 days of Lent doing spiritual exercises to prepare to celebrate the cross and empty tomb.

Note: Ash Wednesday is February 18, and includes the Fish Fry starting at 5:30 and church at 7 p.m. with Holy Communion and the imposition of ashes. Be sure to pick up the Lenten Devotion Book!