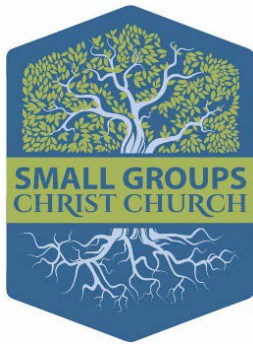


CHRIST CHURCH SMALL GROUPS

The Last Sunday after the Epiphany – The Week beginning March 2, 2025



Read Luke 9:28-36:

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah”—not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!” When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

Background:

This is the story of the Transfiguration. We are no longer in the realm of parable and miracle but in the realm of revelation. It is not about Jesus the teacher, the rabbi, telling us what the kingdom of heaven is like; it is not about Jesus the healer making the lame walk and the blind see. It is about Jesus himself, his true nature, that he reveals to three of his disciples.

Talking Points:

- Why does Jesus talk with Moses and Elijah? What do they represent?
- Why does Peter offer to make three dwellings? What would your own reaction be to what they saw?
- God the Father says, “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!” Where else has God spoken in this way? What is the significance of this (and the other) occasion?
- If you had been on the mountain with Jesus and seen him transfigured in this way, what difference would it make to your own life and faith?

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.