

SG Discussion Questions

for Personal Study and Small Groups 8/4/13

You really should listen to this guy!

Matt. 17.1-13

(also Mark 9. 1-13 and Luke 9.28-36)

Purpose of SG: to foster in its members the biblical values of worship (God), discipleship (church), and outreach (lost).

2013 Annual Focus: Drawing Near to the Good and Mighty King.

Announcements: (1) Men's SGL Huddle Monday 8/5, (2) we need 5 couples to sign up for the SGL Basic Training 8/10 from 8:30am-12:30pm, (3) Hope Counselor training starts 9/15, and (4) SGL Day Retreat is 9/21 (mention to your SG so that they are aware & can possibly help out).

SG Discussion Questions:

Focus: to present Jesus as the glorious Son of God and the suffering Son of man who is to be listened to and obeyed.

Read 17.1-8. What does this section teach us about Jesus? How should the transfiguration story enlarge your personal view of Jesus?

Why do you think Elijah and Moses show up? What is this intended to teach us about Jesus?

What do you make of Peter's response in verse 4? (see also Mark 9.6 and Luke 9.33) Do you think you could respond like Peter?

Why do you think the Voice in v. 5 said what it said? (compare with Matthew 3.16-17)

How are you doing at listening to Jesus and obeying Him? What makes that a challenge for you? What steps should you take to be a better listener to Jesus (and what role should the Bible play in that?)

Connect the dots between Jesus' teaching in 16.21, the transfiguration, and Jesus' point in 17.12. What is the connection here between suffering and glory in Jesus' life and ours?

Got a takeaway from this passage?