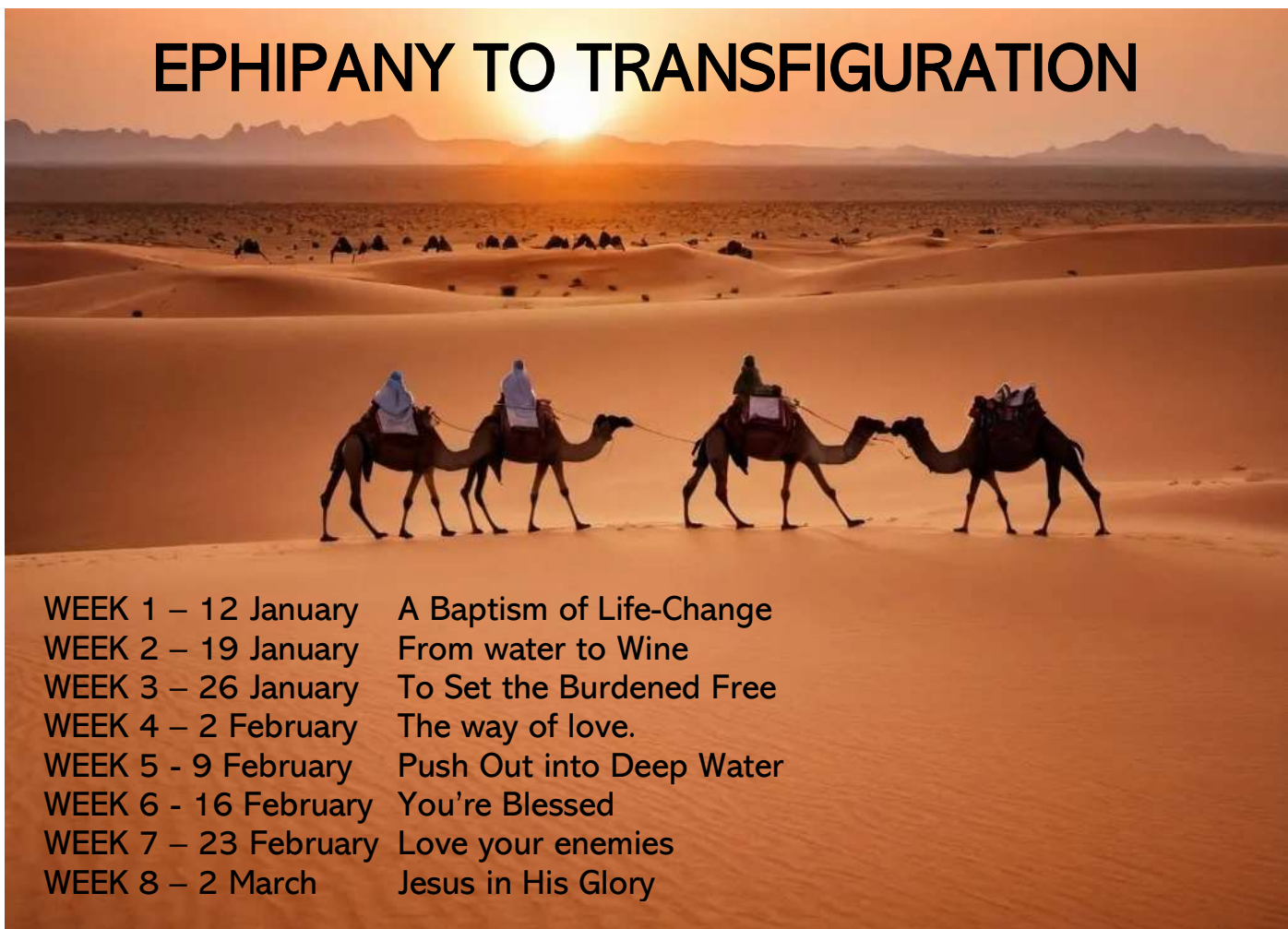


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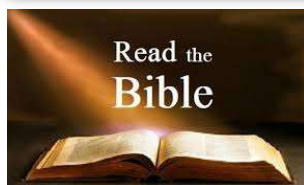
- WEEK 1 – 12 January A Baptism of Life-Change
- WEEK 2 – 19 January From water to Wine
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- WEEK 4 – 2 February The way of love.
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We welcome you joining us on the Liturgy journey from Epiphany to Transfiguration Sunday. This material reflects the Sunday sermons ensuring the whole church are on the same page and can take the learnings deeper with scripture readings, daily devotions and questions for group discussions. May you draw closer to God whilst learning His truths, find the journey transformative and experience God's love for you in a very deep and real way.



Transfiguration Lyric Video - Hillsong Worship
https://youtu.be/pri1OSRoBPc?si=6o7OnvVtsTt2X_Jd

WEEK 8 2 MARCH Jesus in His Glory TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY



Exodus 34:29-35
Psalm 99
2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2
Luke 9:28-36, (37-43a)

Luke 9:28-36 The Message

Jesus in His Glory

28-31 About eight days after saying this, he climbed the mountain to pray, taking Peter, John, and James along. While he was in prayer, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became blinding white. At once two men were there talking with him. They turned out to be Moses and Elijah—and what a glorious appearance they made! They talked over his exodus; the one Jesus was about to complete in Jerusalem. 32-33 Meanwhile, Peter and those with him were slumped over in sleep. When they came to, rubbing their eyes, they saw Jesus in his glory and the two men standing with him. When Moses and Elijah had left, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, this is a great moment! Let’s build three memorials: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” He blurted this out

without thinking. ³⁴⁻³⁵ While he was babbling on like this, a light-radiant cloud enveloped them. As they found themselves buried in the cloud, they became deeply aware of God. Then there was a voice out of the cloud: "This is my Son, the Chosen! Listen to him." ³⁶ When the sound of the voice died away, they saw Jesus there alone. They were speechless. And they continued speechless, said not one thing to anyone during those days of what they had seen.³⁷⁻⁴⁰ When they came down off the mountain the next day, a big crowd was there to meet them. A man called from out of the crowd, "Please, please, Teacher, take a look at my son. He's my only child. Often a spirit seizes him. Suddenly he's screaming, thrown into convulsions, his mouth foaming. And then it beats him black-and-blue before it leaves. I asked your disciples to deliver him but they couldn't." ⁴¹ Jesus said, "What a generation! No sense of God! No focus to your lives! How many times do I have to go over these things? How much longer do I have to put up with this? Bring your son here." ⁴²⁻⁴³ While he was coming, the demon slammed him to the ground and threw him into convulsions. Jesus stepped in, ordered the foul spirit gone, healed the boy, and handed him back to his father. They all shook their heads in wonder, astonished at God's greatness, God's majestic greatness.

Your Business Is Life

⁴³⁻⁴⁴ While they continued to stand around exclaiming over all the things he was doing, Jesus said to his disciples, "Treasure and ponder each of these next words: The Son of Man is about to be betrayed into human hands."



Monday, March 03: Psalm 35:11-28; Exodus 35:1-29; Acts 10:9-23a;

Tuesday, March 04: Psalm 35:11-28; Ezekiel 1:1; 2:1; Acts 10:23b-33;

Wednesday, March 05: ASH WEDNESDAY

Joel 2:12-18, Psalm 51, 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2, Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18



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Year after year in our Christian calendar we remember the Transfiguration of Jesus – His glory and splendour revealed before the three disciples – and as with all the common recounts of God, one of the dangers we tend to fall into is becoming too familiar with them and losing the wonder and awe of God as revealed in His Holy Scriptures. As we read today's Scripture passage, we are yet again challenged to see the rarity and awe-filled glory of God.

A few days ago, Jesus had just confirmed His identity to the disciples who proclaim that He is the Messiah. However, unlike the one they were waiting for, Jesus tells them that He must go and suffer, be killed, and be raised to life on the third day for the salvation of humanity. He also tells them what it will take to be His disciple. One can imagine what the disciples would've felt and thought – doubt, confusion, etc. Jesus, as was His custom, goes away to pray, but this time He takes the three disciples – Peter, John and James – with Him and as He is praying, He is transfigured.

Have you ever seen anyone described as such? Face altered, clothing shining bright white like lightning. We read this as though we have seen it, but it is a sight never seen, at least not in this fullness (see Moses in Exodus 34:29–35). This is Jesus in His glory, the radiance of God. The disciples see another rare sight – the prophets of old Moses and Elijah appear before them speaking with Jesus about what He is about to embark on. On this site heaven and earth come together, as it has in the time of these prophets.

If the disciples still had any doubts, the voice from the cloud should've been another confirmation of the identity of Jesus. The Father speaks in the cloud confirming the divinity of Christ and giving the disciples a command – "listen to Him". After everything they have heard and seen, the glory of Jesus, the true way of the Messiah, heaven and earth aligned, how could they still not listen and follow Him? But unlike them, we are privy to what happens next. So now the question for us is – knowing all we know about Jesus, will we follow the Father's command to listen to Jesus even when it doesn't make sense?

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Imagine you were on that mountain with Jesus, how would you have reacted to everything that happened?
2. What do you think the significance of Moses and Elijah's presence was?
3. Why was it not good for the disciples to remain on the mountain?
4. What will it take for you to listen to and follow Jesus?



FAMILY TIME:

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Week 8 - Jesus in His Glory

Scripture: Luke 9:28-36 (The Message)

Key Verse: *"This is my Son, the Chosen! Listen to him."* (Luke 9:35)

Introduction

Have you ever had a moment that felt really special—so amazing that you wished you could stay in it forever? Today's story is about a moment when Jesus' friends saw something incredible that showed them just how special He really was.

Bible Story Recap

Jesus took three of His disciples—Peter, James, and John—up a mountain to pray. While they were there, something amazing happened! Jesus' face changed, and His clothes became bright like lightning. Then Moses and Elijah, two great leaders from the past, appeared and talked with Jesus about what was coming next.

The disciples were amazed, and Peter wanted to build shelters so they could stay there forever. But then a cloud covered them, and they heard God's voice saying, "This is my Son, the Chosen! Listen to him." After that, only Jesus remained, and they went back down the mountain, carrying this incredible moment in their hearts.

Family Discussion

1. **Why do you think Jesus showed His glory to the disciples?**
Talk about how this moment helped them understand who He truly was.
2. **Why do you think Peter wanted to stay on the mountain?**
Discuss how special moments with God can be wonderful, but we are called to share His love with others.
3. **What does it mean to "listen to Jesus"?**
Share ways we can listen to Jesus in our daily lives—through the Bible, prayer, and following His example.

Activity: Shine His Light

Find a flashlight and turn it on in a dark room. Talk about how Jesus' glory shone brightly, just like the light, and how we can shine His love in the world. As a family, think of one way you can share Jesus' love this week.

Prayer

"Dear Jesus, thank You for showing us Your glory. Help us to listen to You and follow You every day. Shine Your light in our hearts so we can share Your love with others. Amen."