



EPIPHANY TO TRANSFIGURATION

JOURNEY WITH US FROM EPIPHANY THROUGH TO THE TRANSFIGURATION

5 January - 15 February 2026

LECTIONARY - YEAR A (2025-2026)

- WEEK 1** The Baptism of Jesus
- WEEK 2** John Testifies About Jesus
- WEEK 3** Jesus Begins to Preach
- WEEK 4** Introduction to the Sermon on the Mount
- WEEK 5** Salt and Light
- WEEK 6** **The Transfiguration**

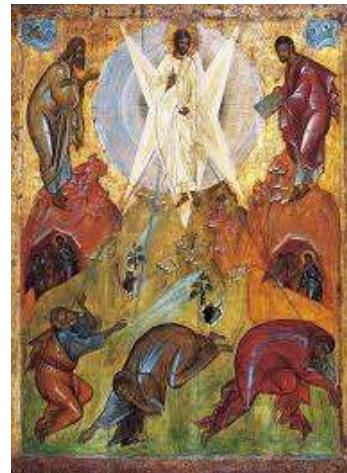
HOME GROUPS AND CLASSES GUIDE:

1. Open in Worship and Prayer: this is to invite God into the meeting. For example, you can light a candle, sing together, or use a YouTube Hymn or song.
2. Open your Bibles and read the Bible verses for this week (take turns?) see below.
3. Reflect on the Bible verses and the reflection written by a Minister or Lay Preacher.
4. Connect with each other and take the reflection deeper by answering the Questions.
5. Works out: What have we learned that we can apply in our lives in this session? Keep each other accountable for promises made or important steps taken. Pray for and over each other (after taking prayer requests).



WORSHIP SONG:

I can Only imagine-Mercy Me - <https://youtu.be/BRPGRdbGHSs>



WEEK 6: Sunday, February 15, 2026: Transfiguration Sunday

SUNDAY READINGS



Exodus 24:12-18

Psalm 2

2 Peter 1:16-21

Matthew 17:1-9 New International Version

The Transfiguration

17 After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. **2** There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. **3** Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus. **4** Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters—

one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.”⁵ While he was still speaking, a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!”⁶ When the disciples heard this, they fell facedown to the ground, terrified. ⁷ But Jesus came and touched them. “Get up,” he said. “Don’t be afraid.”⁸ When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus. ⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus instructed them, “Don’t tell anyone what you have seen, until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

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Jesus’s transfiguration is intended to anticipate the eschatological radiance of God’s people!

Just earlier in Matthew 13:43 Jesus said, “*Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the Kingdom of their Father*”. Jesus’s transfiguration reminds us that we worship the Son of God who was both fully human and fully God at the same time. Although Jesus performed miracles whilst on earth, the power for him to do so was through the Holy Spirit. By taking his three closest companions up the mountain, and having his deity revealed to them, Jesus ensures that they (and us too!) catch a glimpse of the heavenly realm from which he had come, and was soon to return.

In the humdrum of existence and our daily ups and downs, we can tend to forget Jesus’s majesty, his glory and his Sonship. I think we can get caught up with Jesus the man and forget Jesus the Son of God. Jesus’s transfiguration and his dialogue with two of the greatest Old Testament prophets: Moses and Elijah, should arouse in us great reverence and wonder. Perhaps like Peter, we should want to set up some shelters and savour this revelation of who Jesus really is. If Jesus’s splendour and glory are not enough to ignite in us true worship of him, well then God himself interrupting the meeting and claiming, “*This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him*,” should surely inspire in us awe, reverence and obedience. God’s words endorse Jesus as the one who has the final word on all things and to whom all need to bow. If the disciples had any doubt about Jesus’s messianic status surely his transfiguration would confirm that Jesus, and only faith in Jesus leads to reconciliation to the Father and redemption.

After hearing God’s voice, the disciples fall face down on the ground and are terrified. It is Jesus then who touches them, brings them back to reality and restores them. For a brief moment the veil to Jesus’s glory had been lifted and the disciples get a glimpse of Jesus the Son of God. This narrative is penned down by Matthew for us, so that generations later, we too can briefly close our eyes and see Jesus, his face shining like the sun and his clothes white as light. These scripture remind us to cling to no one and nothing, other than Jesus. If we do so, to the end, we too will be transformed by his glory upon his return.

GROUP/CLASS QUESTIONS:

1. How do you think you would describe Jesus, the Son of God if you had to meet him?
2. Do you think that the disciples, before really understanding who Jesus was, would have listed Moses and Elijah as equals to Jesus?
3. Do you obey God by “listening to Jesus’s” commands and teachings?
4. What do you need to do right now in order to stay the course of your faith so that you too can anticipate your own eschatological radiance?

MEMORY VERSES FOR THE WEEK:

Monday: **Psalm 2:6** “*I have installed my king on Zion, my holy mountain.*”

Prayer: Lord, I acknowledge Your chosen King and submit my heart to Your holy reign.
Amen.

Tuesday: **Psalm 2:11** “*Serve the Lord with fear and celebrate his rule with trembling.*”

Prayer: Teach me to serve You with reverent awe and joyful obedience. Amen.

Wednesday: **Psalm 2:12** “*Kiss his son, or he will be angry and your way will lead to your destruction, for his wrath can flare up in a moment. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.*”

Prayer: Jesus, I take refuge in You—keep my heart humble, faithful, and secure in Your mercy. Amen.

Thursday: **2 Peter 1:16:** “For we did not follow cleverly devised stories when we told you about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in power, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty.”

Prayer: Lord Jesus, strengthen my faith in Your true power and revealed glory. Amen.

Friday: **2 Peter 1:17:** “He received honour and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, ‘This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.’”

Prayer: Father, help me rest in the truth that Your beloved Son reigns in honour and glory. Amen.

Saturday: **Matthew 17: 7** “But Jesus came and touched them. “Get up,” he said. “Don’t be afraid.”

Prayer: Jesus, when fear overwhelms me, touch my life and help me rise in courage and trust. Amen.



- **Monday, February 16, 2026:** Psalm 78:17-20, 52-55; Exodus 33:7-23; Acts 7:30-34;
- **Tuesday, February 17, 2026:** Psalm 78:17-20, 52-55; 1 Kings 19:9-18; Romans 11:1-6;

Ash Wednesday - February 18, 2026

- Joel 2:1-2, 12-17
- Psalm 51:1-17
- 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10
- Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

FAMILY TIME: WRITTEN BY JENNY BLAKE

Week 6: Transfiguration Sunday

Readings: Exodus 24:12-18, Psalm 2, 2 Peter 1:16-21, Matthew 17:1-9

Theme: Jesus Revealed in Glory—Listen to Him



Introduction

Throughout Epiphany, we have been discovering who Jesus is. On Transfiguration Sunday, the curtain is pulled back even further. Jesus takes Peter, James, and John up a mountain, and for a moment, they see His true glory. His clothes shine, Moses and Elijah appear, and God’s voice speaks from heaven. This moment reminds us that Jesus is not just a teacher or a good example. He is God’s beloved Son. Before the journey toward the cross begins, God gives the disciples this powerful glimpse of who Jesus truly is and calls them, and us to listen to Him.

Opening Prayer

“Jesus, open our eyes to see Your glory and open our ears to listen to Your voice. Amen.”

1. Exodus 24:12-18 – God’s Glory on the Mountain

Moses goes up Mount Sinai to meet God. God’s glory covers the mountain like a cloud, and Moses enters God’s presence.

Talk About It

- Kids: Why do you think God met Moses on a mountain?
- Teens: What does it teach us about spending time with God, even when it feels challenging?

2. Psalm 2 – God’s Chosen King

This psalm reminds us that God is in charge and that His chosen King reigns with authority and love.

Talk About It

- Kids: What does it mean for Jesus to be King?
- Teens: How is Jesus’ kingship different from the way the world uses power?

3. 2 Peter 1:16–21 – We Were Eyewitnesses

Peter explains that the Transfiguration really happened—he saw Jesus' glory with his own eyes and heard God's voice.

Talk About It

- Kids: Why is it important that people saw and heard these things themselves?
- Teens: How does knowing our faith is rooted in real experiences strengthen your trust in Jesus?

4. Matthew 17:1–9 – Jesus Is Transfigured

Jesus' appearance changes, revealing His divine glory. God speaks from the cloud:

“This is My Son, whom I love... Listen to Him.”

The disciples are afraid, but Jesus gently touches them and says, “*Do not be afraid.*”

Talk About It

- Kids: Why do you think the disciples were scared?
- Teens: What does it mean to truly listen to Jesus in your everyday life?

Bringing It Together

These readings show us that:

- God reveals His glory on mountains (Exodus).
- Jesus is God's chosen and beloved King (Psalm).
- The disciples' faith is based on what they truly witnessed (Peter).
- Jesus' glory leads us not to fear, but to trust and listen (Gospel).

Epiphany truth: Jesus is fully God and fully human—and He invites us to listen and follow.

Family Activity: “Listen to Him”

Sit quietly together for one minute. No talking, no movement- just listening.

Afterwards, discuss:

- Kids: What sounds did you hear?
- Teens: What makes it hard to listen to God in daily life? What helps?

Optional: Read Matthew 17:5 aloud together.

Family Prayer

“Glorious Jesus, thank You for showing us who You truly are. Help us listen to Your voice and trust You, even when the road ahead feels uncertain. Amen.”

Blessing

“May the glory of Christ shine before you, and may you listen to Him with courage and faith.”