

# **Growth Group Questions**

*Transfiguration Sunday ~ March 2, 2025*

## **Introduction**

On this last Sunday of Epiphany, we return to a theme from the beginning of the season – the terrifying glory of our holy God. How might many of the modern Church’s problems (low attendance, meager offerings, apathetic faith, weak spiritual growth) be traced to a “weak” view of God’s power and holiness? What’s the solution?

## **Into the Word** – Exodus 34:29-35

1. What had happened to Moses’ face when he went to receive the two tablets on Mt. Sinai?
2. How did the people react, and what did Moses do to help relieve their anxiety?
3. The people were afraid to come near Moses because of his radiant face reflecting God’s glory. Is there a parallel to unbelievers’ reactions to us when they see our joy and hope in the Lord? Discuss.

## **Into the Word** – 2 Corinthians 3:7-18

4. Why was the Old Covenant (Covenant of Law) both holy and transitory?
5. Why is that covenant fitting called a “ministry of death”?
6. Why is the new covenant called a “ministry of the Spirit”?

7. Contracts/covenants were sealed in blood in Old Testament times. The Old Covenant (Law) of Moses was sealed in Exodus 24:1-8. What was done with the blood and what was each side promising?
8. When Jesus instituted the Lord’s Supper he said, “This is my blood of the new covenant.” Jesus is signing the New Covenant of grace with us every time we commune! What promise is he giving to every person receiving the Supper?
9. In what ways does God transform us when he lifts off the veil of unbelief and reveals his covenant of Grace to us?

## **Into the Word** – Luke 9:28-36

10. Who met Jesus and his disciples when they climbed up the mountain? Why them?
11. Why is the word “appearance” important in verse 29? In other words, what changed and what didn’t change about Jesus?
12. At his call to be a fisher of men, Peter responded in fear to Jesus’ glory. What sign do you have that his faith has grown in the years of following Jesus? (v. 33)
13. God appeared to Moses at Sinai in a cloud and spoke. Here he speaks from a cloud again. What did he say to Moses? What did he say to/about Jesus?

**Closing Prayer:** Jesus, give me peace to know your hidden glory. Turn me from my sin and help me put my trust in your promises. Amen.