

**Discussion Questions for “Encouragement From The Mountaintop”**  
*Matthew 17:1-8, Pastor Trey Sonnenberg, Weekend of September 7, 2025*

Outline:

In the Transfiguration of Jesus, we learn that:

1. Jesus is God (v.1-2).
2. Jesus is human (v.3).
3. Jesus is the Christ (v.4-5).
4. Jesus is personal (v.6-7).

Considering heaven is helpful when:

1. We are *fuddled* by God’s plan.
2. We have *failed* to obey.
3. We are *frustrated* by our circumstances.
4. We are *fearful* of what God requires.

Questions:

1. What is happening in your life right now that is discouraging or troubling? (In what place are you seeking to be encouraged by the Lord?)
2. Are there verses of Scripture or promises of God that have particularly helped you in difficult times when God has felt silent?
3. Considering the passage, what is the main difference between Jesus in this moment and Moses in Exodus 24? What does this tell us about Jesus?
4. Who needs the sacrifice of Jesus in their place for their sins? Does it surprise you that Moses and Elijah need this also—why or why not?
5. Why did God the Father need to interrupt Peter and bring clarity to the situation?
6. How did you come to realize that Jesus is the one, above all others, that you should listen to?
7. What about life in heaven, with Jesus, motivates and encourages you?
8. Read Colossians 3:1-17. Paul speaks here about how our new identity in Christ and our final destination help us fight sin and bring perspective to earthly responsibilities. What stands out to you here?