

Solitude
LifeGroup Lesson
March 5, 2017
Luke 9:26-46

OPENING PRAYER:

O God, sometimes it takes a mountaintop experience before we can see how tightly clenched our hands have been, or how hardened our hearts have become. Open us to be generous instruments of your love throughout the world, for the glory of Jesus the Christ. Amen.

BREAKING THE ICE:

- What did you agree or disagree with in the LifeTalk this week?
- Describe your perfect day off.

WRESTLING WITH THE WORD:

Read Luke 9:26-46.

- What jumps out at you in this scripture?
- Read the other stories of the Transfiguration. (Matthew 17:1-13 and Mark 9:2-13)
 - How are they different? Similar?
 - How does each one impact/transform your life?

Spend time in other scriptures on *solitude*. What does each teach you about spending time with God? Psalm 46, Isaiah 30:15, Habakkuk 2:9-20, Psalm 39, Luke 9:18-20, Exodus 33:7-11.

CLOSING POSSIBILITIES:

- How will your life be different based upon what you have learned in this week's scripture, lesson and/or LifeTalk?
- How can the group pray for you this week?

NEXT STEPS:

- Plan a personal retreat. You can set the duration and location; yet go away for awhile.

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK:

God of the gospel, Christ of God, Spirit of God, forgive us if we become enamored of others, great as they are, and do not confer our lives and our loyalties on the One who is your beloved Son. Excuse our enthusiasm for lesser luminaries, the gods of our passing age, whose fascination and fame may distract us from following Jesus Christ with undivided devotion. Amen. -David Hostetter