

## **The Transfiguration**

### **Discussion Questions for Mark 8:34-38**

#### **Open It**

1. When were you last speechless?
2. How do people react when they watch fireworks? Why?

#### **Explore It**

1. Where did Jesus take Peter, James, and John? (9:2)
2. Whom did Jesus take with Him to the mountain? (9:2)
3. What happened to Jesus on the mountain? (9:3)
4. Who appeared with Jesus in the transfiguration? (9:4)
5. What was significant about the people who appeared to Jesus? (9:4)
6. How did Peter respond to the transfiguration of Jesus? (9:5)
7. Why did Peter want to put up three shelters? (9:5)
8. Why were the disciples frightened when they saw Jesus? (9:6)
9. How did God appear to Jesus and the others? (9:7)
10. What did God say to the disciples? (9:7)
11. What did God want the disciples to do? (9:7)
12. What did the disciples see after the cloud vanished? (9:7–8)
13. What orders did Jesus give the disciples? (9:9)
14. How did Peter, James, and John respond to Jesus' order? (9:10)
15. What caught the "elite three" off guard and became the topic of discussion as they headed down the mountain? (9:10)
16. Why did the disciples ask Jesus about Elijah? (9:11)
17. About whom was Jesus speaking when He said, "Elijah has come"? (9:12–13)

#### **Get It**

1. Why do you think Jesus chose only three of His disciples to witness His transfiguration?
2. How do you think this account would encourage an audience of Christians being harassed and threatened?
3. What encouragement does this passage give you?
4. How do you think you would have reacted if Jesus had chosen you to witness His transfiguration?
5. When has a spiritual experience caused you to be speechless or frightened?
6. What is implied by God's command that we listen to Jesus?

7. What can we learn from this account about the relationship between God the Father and His Son, Jesus Christ?

**Apply It**

1. What specific word or command of Jesus can you obey more carefully this week? How?
2. What can you do over the next week to become more sensitive to God's voice (whether from His Word or His Spirit)?