

The Word of God comes to us to awaken our hearts. We begin by praying: God our Father, source of all light, you have sent your Son into the world, to reveal yourself to all your children. Send your Spirit upon us now, that we may meet Jesus in the Word that comes from you. May we come to know him, may we come to love him more deeply and so be drawn closer to the happiness of your Kingdom. Amen.

Luke 9:28-36

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but they had stayed awake and saw his glory and the two men who stood with him.

Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah" - not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, the Chosen One; listen to him!"

When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.



HEARING ~ Speak Lord, your servants are listening!

You have the words of eternal life!

We read the passage 2-3 times. Reflect and share on some of the following:

1. What words or phrases stand out for you in this passage? What surprises you?
2. What happens to Jesus in this passage?
3. How do Peter, James and John react to what is going on?
4. What is God doing—to Jesus and to Peter, James and John?

HAPPENING ~ Speak Lord, your servants are listening!

In the Light of the Word we look at our lives

We read the passage again and reflect on some of the following:

1. "while he was praying... his face changed". How have we been changed by our prayer?
2. "they were terrified as they entered the cloud." When have we been terrified by God drawing close to us?
3. "they had stayed awake and saw his glory..." When have we been at the limits of physical or emotional exhaustion and something important has happened for us?



"Silence is the home of the word. Silence gives strength and fullness to the word. We can even say that words are meant to disclose the mystery of silence from which they come." Henri Nouwen: The Way of the Heart