

NS LIFE GROUPS

We Can't Stay Here! (Week 1- The Transfiguration)

Matthew 17:1-13

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Main Idea: We can't stay where it's easy and comfortable because there is much to be done for God's Kingdom!

Icebreaker: Where is the most beautiful/restful/relaxing/exciting place you have ever visited that you wished you just could have stayed there?

Study:

After witnessing his transfiguration on the mountain, Jesus' three most intimate disciples wanted to stay there with him as a part of that mountaintop experience. However, Jesus' message for them was "We can't stay here!" because there was much to do for his kingdom.

Read Matthew 17:1-13 and use the following questions to discuss the passage.

- 1. Why do you think that Jesus' disciples wanted to stay there on the mountain as a part of that experience rather than going back down the mountain to normal life?** *(It was easy, comfortable, exciting, seemed more important, etc.)*
- 2. Why was it so important that they come down from the mountain?** *(Jesus' mission was to impact the world with his message of salvation through faith in him. These disciples had a significant role to play in advancing Jesus' kingdom and ministry.)*

Application:

- 1.** In what ways is your "comfort zone" a hindrance to taking bold risks and bold steps of obedience for Jesus?
- 2.** What steps of obedience has God called you to take that lie outside of your comfort zone?
- 3.** What is at stake if you don't walk in obedience in that area?
- 4.** What would be at stake if Northstar chose to stay in our comfort zone as a church rather than take bold risks of faith for Jesus? *(We wouldn't be a part of God reaching many lost people in our city, and we wouldn't get to experience seeing God move in great ways!)*

Close your group time with intentional prayer for each other and for our church. Pray that the Lord would guide our church in this new season of ministry. Pray that Northstar would continue to be a place where people are saved with the good news of Jesus and where many are growing to be fully devoted followers of Christ.