

GOD WITH US

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WARM UP QUESTION: Think of a “mountain top” moment in your life. How did you feel about getting there? What made it so great?

READ: Matthew 17:1-9

FOCUS: There are mountain top moments with the presence of God in our lives that are meant to form and deepen our faith as we wait for the Second Advent.

OBSERVE:

- These moments allow us to deepen our roots in one season to prepare us to bear more fruit in the next. Steadfast, unwavering faith in what God has not only promised, but given us a foretaste of, will help us navigate our calling in the midst of the pains of life.
- We look forward to the ultimate mountaintop: the second coming (advent) of Christ. This will begin an age where we no longer deal with the brokenness that plagues our world. Until then, we have work to do.

REFLECT:

- Why do we have to eventually leave mountaintop experiences?
- Identify your cross. What parts of yourself is God asking you to give to Him in order to love Him and your neighbors better?

TAKE ACTION:

- How can you model the “mountaintop to cross” lifestyle that Christ exemplified for us on a consistent basis?
- How should we live if we are expecting Jesus to come back? What does this look like on a daily or weekly basis?

PRAY: *Dear Father, we thank You for Your power and presence in our lives. Help us to trust in You in both the high and low moments of life. Holy Spirit, strengthen us as You shape us to be more like Jesus. Help us to never grow weary in doing good as we look forward to the Second Advent of the Son. In Jesus' name, Amen.*