

Reflective questions and practices for the week of February 26

Sunday February 26

Question: Name moments, events, and/or places where you have experienced the “thin spaces” where God revealed Himself in powerful/unique way to you? How did this draw you closer to Jesus? Was anyone else with you? If so, who and have you shared with them what God did in that moment?

Practice: Begin to process and pray where you believe God may reveal Himself to you in a meaningful way. Answer this question...if God were to break through the thin space in my life I believe it may take place here...or by me engaging in this activity I believe God will reveal Himself to me in this way...after some time processing and praying ask God to meet you...ask God to reveal Himself to you and pray that your eyes would be open to something He would like to communicate/share with you.

Weekly readings and questions for the week of February 26

Luke 9:37-43

(1): What problem did Jesus encounter as He came down the mountain to the rest of His apostles?

(2): What was Jesus’ response?

(3): What does this event teach us about our abilities to present effectively God’s kingdom to those around us?

Luke 9:43-45

(1): Why do you think Jesus reintroduced the topic of His future betrayal?

(2): Why was this teaching so difficult for the disciples? What presuppositions did they have about the Messiah?

(3): Why do you think they were afraid to ask Jesus for clarification on this matter?

(4) What might you avoid(ed) in the teachings of Jesus? Is it possible you have ignored major points of His teaching because they are not what you want to hear? Spend some time in prayer with the Lord about anything that comes to mind.

Luke 9:46-48

(1): Why do you think the disciples were arguing over who was the greatest disciple?

(2): Why would Jesus use a child to answer their questions concerning greatness?

(3): What did Jesus mean when He said “the least among all of you is the greatest?”

Luke 9:49-50

(1): What do you think is the point and application from this scene?

Luke 9:51-56

(1): What was the reaction of James and John to the people of the village?

(2): Why did Jesus rebuke James and John? What was He trying to teach them? What may He still be teaching you with this story?

Luke 9:57-62

(1): What is Jesus calling for in these verses?

(2): What do you think Jesus would say to you in our culture about the nature of undivided loyalty needed to participate fully in the kingdom?