

## SERMON NOTES

Last Sunday after the Epiphany, Year B \* February 14, 2021

Sermon by the Reverend Tom Rutherford

2 Kings 2:1-12 \* Psalm 50:1-6 \* 2 Corinthians 4:3-6 \* Mark 9:2-9

### Changing the World

God T\_\_\_\_\_ and T\_\_\_\_\_ us for at least 2 reasons:

Number 1: He loves you and wants the very B\_\_\_\_\_ for you

Number 2: God changes Y\_\_\_\_\_ in order to change the W\_\_\_\_\_.

Babies and D\_\_\_\_\_:

Elisha and Elijah:

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. **For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake.** For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ. 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: **Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory;** through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.** BCP 217

### NEXT WEEK'S LESSONS

Genesis 9:8-17 \* Psalm 25 \* 1 Peter 3:18-22 \* Mark 1:9-15

## Chewing on Our Daily Bread

Questions for conversation with your family, a friend, or Home Group

1. Who is someone from history or fiction that you've looked up to in your life? Why? How have they influenced you?
2. Who – outside your immediate family – is someone you've known personally that you looked up to? Why? How have they influenced you?
3. Who in your life is or has been a model of Christian faith, hope, and love? How have they influenced you?
4. For whom are you an example of faith, hope, and love? What are you doing to influence that person? IF YOU ARE NOT CURRENTLY AWARE OF ANYONE YOU ARE INFLUENCING, whom could you pray for and begin serving to become a positive example in their life?
5. PRAY:
  - ✦ Thanking God for the people in your life who have been examples of how to live and love.
  - ✦ For God to work through you to influence others.
  - ✦ For that person you mentioned in #4 above.
  - ✦ For any needs in your group.