

Life Group Notes Week beginning 3 March 2019

Our God who blesses us by opening the door of Heaven

Revelation 4, Luke 9: 28 - 36

Read Luke 9: 28-36, together if you're in a group, and spend some time in silence, imagining yourself present in the scene. Then either share or write down how it was for you.

NB Moses and Elijah represent 'The Law and the Prophets', the two great threads of Messianic foreshadowing in the Old Testament.

To find out how it was for the 3 disciples, read Peter's account in 2 Peter 1. 16-18. Does the Transfiguration illuminate *your* understanding of Jesus' 'majesty, honour and glory'? How? Has your concept of who Jesus is been too small?

Now read Revelation 4. The vision into heaven granted to John in his old age is described in language strange to us, but is in the same tradition as the OT prophecy of Ezekiel, or the vision of God in Isaiah 6.

How does this affect your concept of Heaven? What images and words strike you most forcibly? In what ways can they bless you? How will this affect your prayers, your faith, and the way you share it? Pray about this.

Sing or listen to this song by Jack Hayford (Mission Praise 454)

<https://youtu.be/ZSTMkGgiMic>

It seems as if the writer has been inspired by both the passage from 2 Peter and the vision in Revelation. Let him lead you into worship.

*Majesty, worship his majesty;
Unto Jesus be all glory, honour, and praise.
Majesty, kingdom authority,
Flow from his throne unto his own, his anthem raise.
So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus.
Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus, the King.
Majesty, worship his majesty,
Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all kings.*