



An Invitation to Listen to God



“Listen”

To prepare for the next Small Group meeting you are invited to engage in the following process before you meet each week:

- Ask the Holy Spirit to open your mind and heart to hear God’s Word.
- Choose a scripture passage, read it and sit quietly with the Word.
- What moves you or attracts you in this reading?
- Does anything cause resistance in you? Do you know why?
- Take a few minutes to respond in writing to the readings.

Readings for the 2nd Sunday of Lent February 25, 2024

Reading 1: Genesis 22: 1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 116: 10, 15-19

Reading 2: Romans 8: 31b-34

Gospel: Mark 9: 2-10

Questions

► *For group discussion:*

1. In the first reading, who might the messenger be? Could that be desired for each of us, today?
2. Who will condemn you, if God will not?
3. Have you ever had any transfiguring events in your life? Do you realize how and why God might do that for you, or can you anticipate and expect that God will lead you there?
4. What can you do to be open to transformation? (Hint: what did Peter, James and John do?)
5. Are you all done being transformed, or does Jesus expect more for and from you? Do you ask for this? How often?

Gospel [MK 9:2-10](#)

Jesus took Peter, James, and John
and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves.
And he was transfigured before them,
and his clothes became dazzling white,
such as no fuller on earth could bleach them.
Then Elijah appeared to them along with Moses,
and they were conversing with Jesus.
Then Peter said to Jesus in reply,
"Rabbi, it is good that we are here!
Let us make three tents:
one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."
He hardly knew what to say, they were so terrified.
Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them;
from the cloud came a voice,
"This is my beloved Son. Listen to him."
Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone
but Jesus alone with them.

As they were coming down from the mountain,
he charged them not to relate what they had seen to anyone,
except when the Son of Man had risen from the dead.
So they kept the matter to themselves,
questioning what rising from the dead meant.