

I'M BASKING YOU

2 Corinthians 3:12–13; 4:1–6 | Mark 9:2-9

Invited to _____

In _____

This is _____

Receiving from _____

READ. REFLECT. RESPOND. REMEMBER.

In Mark 9:2-9, there are four things going on – Jesus talking with Moses and Elijah, Jesus shining very brightly, the Disciples wanting to build a shelter, and the voice of God from a cloud. These are all very significant OT images – God speaking with his prophets, Moses becoming radiant after speaking with God and needing to be veiled, shelters being constructed in the Exodus, and God leading the people by a pillar of cloud by day.

Reflect:

Transcendent (above and beyond normal human physical / sensory) spiritual experiences are not a commonly communicated Lutheran experience, although Luther got his start as a Monk after experiencing a terrifying storm and asking St. Anne for help and deliverance. How have you experienced (or not) transcendent spiritual experiences? How did that shape you? Or, if you've not had something like that, what do you think about them? What's your gut reaction to *mystical* experiences?

Respond:

This is the second time that a voice proclaims that Jesus is the child of God who is loved (the first time is at his baptism). Knowing what we know about what happens next (crucifixion) and what happened after the baptism (temptation), how important is it for Jesus to hear this? How important is it for *you* to hear this in your own life?

Remember:

“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 Cor 4:6