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Transforming Me

MARK 9:2-9 SESSION 7.07

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Prepare in Advance

Before the Session:

- Have the *Bible Background Video* ready to view
- Review the video of Jon Stewart's announcement and the video of tweets reacting to it.
- Have the video of "Walk Down this Mountain" ready.
- Have a candle to light.
- Review today's scripture text and the session activities to help better facilitate the discussion.

Introduce

Ask: Are there moments where you have wished things could stay exactly like they are? Tell about a moment when things were so good you wished it would never change. Read Mark 9:2-9 out loud. Watch the *Bible Background Video.*

Discuss

Comedian Jon Stewart from The Daily Show announced that he will be leaving the show. Even after a 17 year run, reactions show that people do not welcome this change. Show the video of Stewart's announcement. Show the video of the Twitter responses. Whether or not you like Jon Stewart, we can relate to an announcement that something we love is about to change. How do we often respond when would rather keep things just as they are?

Ask

- Peter's reaction in the text is to build a dwelling place on the mountain. Have you wanted to build structures to remain in a place that has been wonderful for you? Why do we have this response to build and stay put?
- Do announcements of change upset you? Do you respond like the twitter responses, or like Peter, or in another way?
- When you read verse 9, what stands out to you?
- As much as the disciples may have preferred to stay on the mountain, the text tells that they ended up walking down the mountain. Like it or not, change happened. Has this happened in your life? What might someone pray in moments of "walking down the mountain"?
- How can our responses to times of transition strengthen us in our faith journey?

Pray

Pray to end the session: Light a candle, inviting the group to reflect on what can happen in the journey down the mountain. Play the song, "Walk down this Mountain," then pray together.

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