

PETER'S FOIBLES

Luke 9:28-36

Our response to God's revelation is sometimes faulty

I. THE REVELATION (28-31)

- Jesus was giving these three disciples a glimpse of His coming Kingdom (27)

A. WHILE PRAYING (28)

B. CHRIST'S TRANSFORMATION (29)

C. A CONVERSATION WITH MOSES AND ELIJAH (30)

- Why them?

1. They both had unusual exits from this life
2. They represented the Law and the Prophets
3. They were especially revered and trusted by Israel
4. Both were involved in many miracles
5. Both were courageous leaders amid grumblers and idolaters

D. SPEAKING OF JESUS' DEPARTURE (31)

1. This is something that they were interested in
2. They were discussing the details of fulfilling God's eternal plan
3. All of the elements of what would soon occur in Jerusalem

II. PETER'S RESPONSE (32-33)

A. SLEEPING (32a)

1. Overcome with sleep > Trying to stay awake and unable to do so
2. Sleeping through the greatest revelation and experience he'd ever receive!
3. Missing the meaningful details that would have been helpful and enlightening

B. SEEING (32b)

1. He saw Christ's glory
2. He saw two men with Jesus

C. SUDDEN (33a)

- Peter felt like he had to do something to keep them there ... Don't leave yet

D. SURE (33b)

- Telling Jesus He's made a good decision to include them

E. SUBMISSIVE (33c)

- He asks rather than demands

F. SELFLESS (33d)

- Not desiring to build a tabernacle for himself, only them

G. SILLY (33d)

1. He interrupts Christ's conversation with Moses and Elijah
2. Let's inaugurate the kingdom and bypass the cross!
3. He's ready to celebrate the Feast or Booths or Tabernacles
4. He assumes they need him to build them a shelter
5. He's out of his earthly element but confident he can suggest actions in the supernatural realm

H. SUPERFLUOUS (33e)

1. The kingdom was not being inaugurated
2. The cross was not going to be bypassed
3. They didn't need his advice

III. **GOD'S REPLY** (34-35)

A. NO ANSWER FROM JESUS

B. A SHEKINAH INTERRUPTION (34)

1. A cloud began to overshadow them
2. They were afraid as they entered the cloud
 - a. Because Jesus wasn't visible, and they think He may be leaving them
 - b. Because they're afraid of seeing God's glory
 - c. Because they may think that God is going to take them to glory now as well

C. GOD'S VOICE (35)

1. Informing: This is My Son, My Chosen One
2. Instructing: An imperative from God
 - a. Hear him speak calmly about His departure and death
 - b. Don't be distracted by other voices > Listen to Him alone
 - c. Don't contradict Him - Peter had in Matt. 16:22
 - d. Hear what He says about discipleship > vs. 23-26
 - e. Don't bicker around Him - see 9:46

IV. **DISCIPLES REPORT** (36)

A. THEY KEPT SILENT

- It wasn't for them to announce Jesus, He would do so in his own time and way

B. THEY TOLD NO ONE: In those days > They couldn't preach a kingdom without a cross

CONCLUSION:

Are you rightly responding to God's revelation?

- Have you placed your faith in God's specially revealed Son as your Savior?

Peter fumbled at the transfiguration of Jesus, but in the end, he used this experience to communicate a great truth to us in II Peter 1:16-21

1. Peter saw something great (16-18)
2. But he knew we had something far greater (19-21)