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- Continuing our reflection on this event of the transfiguration, consider the chain of events as recorded in the other Gospels (Mark 9:2-13 and Luke 9:28-36). What details do you notice in the response of Peter? Why do you think he responded in the way he did? Do you think his response was appropriate? Explain your answer.
- Rob shared details of the transfiguration encounter focusing on aspects of *Awareness of God, Hearing the Word of God, and Responding (rightly) to God*. Can you recognize the importance of this progression of posture and encounter as we engage the presence of God? Can you identify this progression in the transfiguration event (please list the points you recognize).
- Reflecting on the life of Peter throughout the gospel accounts, where can you notice instances where Peter was postured in a state of awareness, hearing and responding (rightly) to God? (Examples from Peter’s life: Jesus asking “who do people say I am;” Peter walks on water; Peter cuts off Malchus’ ear; Peter denies Jesus; etc.). In the instances where Peter was not postured closely to the presence of God, what do you think was impairing him? Can you notice any similarity in the challenges that might impair you or us as contemporary Christians?
- Our summary for the teaching landed us in Peter’s second letter (2 Peter 1:3-11). Rob shared a very powerful insight from this passage of Scripture, emphasizing that God has equipped us to live godly and fulfilling lives—even sharing the very Divine nature of God—allowing the possibility to escape the corruption caused by human desires (2 Peter 1:3-4). What do you think about this promise? How do you reconcile the teaching and promise with your life? Do you think about your spirituality in these terms? Why or why not?
- What do you think Peter intends for us to know from his lengthy statement beginning, “make every effort..” (2 Peter 1:5-9)? Where would you say you are developmentally on this line of “supplemental” additions to your faith? How will you proceed next?

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