

Welcome to Church!

We are glad you chose to join us today to worship our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We hope that your stay has been both meaningful and memorable.

Here are some activities going on with us!

☐ Free Blood Pressure & Sugar Check-up

Encouraging those who wish to monitor their **Blood Pressure & Blood Sugar** levels to avail of our free check-up, happening **every after Sunday service!**

☐ How can we pray for you?

It is a privilege to pray for you! You may send your **prayer requests** and **praise reports** by text (0912 130 6148), by writing them on the prayer cards provided, or by sending us a private message on our Facebook page.

☐ Discover life with our Small Groups.

Looking for deeper connections and a closer walk with God? Our **small groups** are where we cultivate meaningful relationships and grow in faith together. Want to join? Visit our Information Booth after the service to find the perfect group for you!

☐ Stay for fellowship and refreshments.

Stick around after the service for **coffee** and **connection!** It's the perfect chance to meet some friendly faces, learn more about our small groups, our ministries, and discover all that our church has to offer. We'd love to see you there!

Schedules for Services:

English Service:

Morning 10:00 AM
Afternoon 01:00 PM

Cebuano Service:

Afternoon 04:00 PM

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WITH US!**

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Worship God. Advance His Kingdom.

A GLIMPSE OF GLORY

The Road to the Cross: Following the Suffering King (Mark Series)
Pastor Nic Sy | September 7, 2025 | Mark 9:2-13

SERMON NOTES

When someone's true identity is revealed, it changes the way you see everything else about them.

When God pulls back the curtain, he doesn't just reveal glory, he calls for a response.

The Transfiguration shows us who Jesus is, what he came to do, and why we must listen to him.

I. WHO JESUS IS: THE GLORY OF THE SON (vv 2-4)

Jesus is not just another prophet; he is the fulfillment of God's plan

When life feels uncertain, remember: our faith rests not on our strength, but on the glorious Son of God.

If we only see Jesus as useful, we will miss his glory.

II. WHAT WE MUST DO: LISTEN TO THE SON (vv 5-8)

Jesus is supreme. Not Moses. Not Elijah. Not even our own best religious instincts. Only Jesus.

True discipleship means tuning out the static so we can tune in to Jesus.

III. WHERE HE LEADS US: THE MISSION OF THE SON (vv 9-13)

Glory without the cross would be a distorted gospel.

You cannot have the crown without the cross.



We are a church that seeks to bring glory to God, to build the local church through discipleship and to fulfill the Great Commission.

OUR MISSION

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE
For the week of September 8–14, 2025
“A GLIMPSE OF GLORY”

Getting Started

To the facilitator: Use this section to introduce the topic. If possible, give a brief recap of the sermon.

Share a memorable point, a spiritual lesson, a personal application, a question, or something that challenged you from the sermon last Sunday.

Do you have a secret “talent” that many people don’t know about? Can you share it to the group?

Group Discussion

Read Mark 9:2-13.

1. What details stand out to you about the setting, the transformation of Jesus, and the appearance of Moses and Elijah? Why do you think Mark includes the detail that Peter didn’t know what to say because “they were terrified”? Can you think of other places in Scripture where people responded with fear when encountering God’s presence?

2. Peter suggests building three tents for Jesus, Moses, and Elijah. Why do you think he said this, and what might it reveal about his confusion? Can you think of times when we unintentionally place Jesus on the same level as other voices, influences, or even religious traditions in our lives? How can we recognize and correct this tendency?

3. In Mark 9:7, God speaks from the cloud, saying, “*This is my beloved Son; listen to him.*” How does this divine affirmation compare to other times God speaks directly in Scripture (e.g., at Jesus’ baptism, or to Israel through prophets)? What does it mean for us, today, to truly “listen to him” in a world full of competing voices?

4. What connections do you see between the cloud (Mark 9:7) and God’s presence in the Old Testament (for example, Exodus 24:15-18)? Why is it significant that when the cloud lifts, they see “*Jesus only*”? How might this picture help you in the middle of distractions, fears, or competing voices today?

5. After the vision ends, Jesus tells the disciples not to tell anyone what they saw until after the resurrection. Why do you think Jesus gave this instruction? How might the disciples’ understanding of this event have changed *after* Jesus’ resurrection? In what ways do we sometimes misunderstand spiritual experiences until we see them in light of the cross?

6. In verses 11-12, the disciples ask Jesus about the scribes’ teaching that “*first Elijah must come.*” Why do you think they were concerned about this? How does their question reveal their expectations of how God’s kingdom should arrive? In what ways do our own expectations sometimes make it harder to recognize how God is actually working?

7. Jesus says Elijah has come and “*they did to him whatever they pleased,*” referring to John the Baptist’s suffering and death (see also Matthew 17:13). How does this sobering reality balance the glory of the Transfiguration? What does this teach us about the nature of God’s kingdom, both its glory and its suffering?

Next Steps

The Transfiguration shows us who Jesus is, what he came to do, and why we must listen to him.

- I will keep my eyes fixed on Jesus as the ultimate revelation of God, especially when other voices or traditions compete for my attention.
- I will listen to Jesus by making time daily in Scripture and prayer.
- I will trust God’s plan even when it includes suffering or seasons I don’t understand.
- I will worship Jesus as the glorious Son of God.

Closing the Session

Close the session by taking the time to *pray for one another*. Consider the following as you pray:

- Pray for quiet hearts to hear the voice of Jesus amidst the fears, distractions and even our own expectations that drown out his words.
- Intercede for one another, that God would use you to help bring others closer to Christ.
- Pray for relationships to grow with other Christ-followers, that you will encourage and care for one another.
- Pray for your unsaved family, friends, and loved ones.
- Pray for protection, provision, healing and comfort for everyone who’s going through physical, emotional, mental and spiritual pain.

BIBLE READING GUIDE

September 8	Mark 9:2-13
September 9	Exodus 24:15-18
September 10	Deuteronomy 18:15-19
September 11	John 10:27-30
September 12	2 Peter 1:16-21
September 13	Psalms 76:1-12
September 14	Exodus 2:23-25