

## Thin Spaces

O God, who before the passion of your only begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### Look

Odds are that you've encountered a Thin Space before at least once before. A brief time where you felt closer to God and Heaven. These moments and places can be very powerful experiences.

1. Describe a recent time where you encountered a Thin Space. How did it feel to be in that moment?
2. How did you feel after your Thin Space moment ended?
3. What factors (internal or external) help make you more receptive to these sorts of moments?

### Book

#### Matthew 17:1-9

The Transfiguration is a pivotal and prismatic event in the Gospel narrative. It's a Thin Space moment for sure. Peter, James and John have seen Jesus perform miracles, heard him preach, and witnessed crowds of followers. Still, this moment stands out to them more brightly than those previous events.

1. When Peter asks about creating "dwellings", what sort of previous biblical "dwellings" might he be thinking of?
2. What reasons would Peter have for somehow preserving this moment?
3. Just for fun, what do you think would happen if Peter had created dwellings and convinced Jesus to stay on the mountain?

### Took

In his summary of the Sermon on the Mount (Mt 7:12), Jesus says "Do unto others what you would have them do unto you." The operative word here is "do". He doesn't say "respond to others..." but rather implies action. Similar to "blessed to be a blessing".

1. Why does God grant us Thin Space moments?
2. Do you feel like you are more or less in need of Thin Space moments lately? Why?
3. What is one type of way that you can seek and serve Christ in every person you interact with this week?