**Matthew 17**

**Goals:** 1) Review Christian teaching concerning the person and work of Jesus. 2) Practice the use of principles of biblical interpretation.

**Review:**

1. What are the two natures of Christ?
2. How do you know that Jesus is true God?
3. How do you know that Jesus is true man?
4. Why was it necessary that our savior be true man?
5. Why was it necessary that our savior be true God?
6. What was Christ’s humiliation?
7. What was Christ’s exaltation?

Read Chapter 17: 1-13. Each table (group) will interpret the text in light of one of the principles of interpretation below.

1. **Christocentricity** How does the text point you to Jesus?
2. **Law/Gospel** Does the text tell you what you are to do or condemn sin? Does the text tell you what Jesus has done and promise you life?
3. **Scripture interprets Scripture** Let clear passages help you understand the difficult ones. Especially look at other texts within the book itself.
4. **Christian/Creedal/catholic view** How does the Creed help direct your interpretation of the text?
5. **Genre** How does the literary genre guide the interpretation of the text?

New Testament Genres – Narrative, Parables, Epistles, Apocalyptic, etc.

1. **Historical Context** What historical information helps inform your understanding of the text?
2. **Geography** What can you learn from the location and landscape referenced in the text?
3. **Grammar** Look at key words, sentence structure, etc. to help direct your understanding.
4. As a class let’s discuss what God is communicating in the text. What is the application to us? What is it that we need to hear? Why?