1. Shining from the inside out

- 2. Jars of Clay
 - a. 2 Cor 4:7-10 (180)
 - i. 7 But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. 8 We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; 9 persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; 10 always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. 11 For we who live are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh.
 - b. Jeremiah 19 (720)
 - i. 5 Then the word of the LORD came to me: 6 "O house of Israel, can I not do with you as this potter has done? declares the LORD. Behold, like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel.
 - c. Rev. Dr. David Fisher
 - i. We are cracked clay jars -broken, weak
 - ii. It is only through the cracks of who we are that God's light can shine through

3. 2. Our Lives

- a. Brokeness as opportunity
 - i. for light of God to shine through
- b. Matthew 4:16 (3)
 - i. 16 the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned."
- c. 1 Cor 15:42-43 (172)
 - i. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable. 43 It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power. 44 It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body.
- 4. 3. Luke 9 (70)
 - a. As Prots. we distance ourselves from JC
 - i. We are different from and cannot be like Christ
 - ii. BUT
 - 1. With disciples we are invited to be witnesses to Christ's transfig.
 - 2. Phil 2:14&15 (197)
 - a. 14 Do all things without grumbling or questioning, 15 that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world
 - 3. Lk 8:16-17 (67)
 - a. 16 "No one after lighting a lamp covers it with a jar or puts it under a bed, but puts it on a stand, so that those who enter may see the light. 17 For nothing is hidden that will not be made manifest, nor is anything secret that will not be known and come to light.
 - b. How do we shine as lights in the world?
- 5. 4. Bodies of Light
 - a. We are partakers in the divine relationship and presence
 - i. 1 Jn 4:17 (241)
 - 1. By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world.
 - ii. 2 Pet 1:4 (236)

- 1. 3 His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to 3 his own glory and excellence, 4 d by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature
- b. As Christ was, so we are and are becoming
 - i. Transfig. shows us we are NOT beings IN a Body
 - 1. We are learning to BE A BODY
 - ii. Col 2:9-10 (200)
 - 1. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, 10 and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority.
- 6. 5. What, then, is the Transfig.?
 - a. 2 Cor 3:18 (180)
 - i. And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord,6 are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another.
 - ii. Transfig. is the revealing of God's glory
 - 1. We are called to become what we have seen with Disciples on mountain
 - iii. Transfig. is learning to allow oneself, as human being, to be transmission wire between God and people
 - b. Moses
 - i. Ex 34:29-35
 - 1. Veiled
 - a. When not speaking in name of God
 - 2. Unveiled
 - a. When speaking in name of God
 - c. Jesus
 - i. Unveils himself for Pet, Jn and Jms. as an example for them and us
 - ii. Holy Spirit unveils Christ to us.
 - iii. In Christ, we are no longer veiled or unveiled. We are connected with God in Christ.
 - 1. We let the light of Christ shine through
 - 2. We become transparent to the light of God
 - a. change from one form of glory to another
 - iv. In our brokeness, weakness, cracked pot nature, WE become like Christ
 - 1. In that way, we reveal God's light to the world
 - a. Transfigured like Christ