

Week 3: July 16 & 19

CONTEXT

In Luke 9:18-26, Jesus asks His disciples who they believe He is, and Peter acknowledges Him as the Christ of God. Jesus then predicts His suffering, death, and resurrection, teaching that true discipleship involves self-denial and taking up one's cross daily.

SCRIPTURE: Luke 9:18-26

18 Now it happened that as he was praying alone, the disciples were with him. And he asked them, "Who do the crowds say that I am?" 19 And they answered, "John the Baptist. But others say, Elijah, and others, that one of the prophets of old has risen." 20 Then he said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" And Peter answered, "The Christ of God." 21 And he strictly charged and commanded them to tell this to no one, 22 saying, "The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised." 23 And he said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. 24 For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it. 25 For what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses or forfeits himself? 26 For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words, of him will the Son of Man be ashamed when he comes in his glory and the glory of the Father and of the holy angels.

ICE BREAKER

What would your 18-22 year old self be most surprised about your life today?

GROUP DISCUSSION

Read Luke 9:18-26 as a group.

In verse 18, Jesus asked the disciples, "Who do the crowds say that I am?" Create a list as a group of who does our culture, the people you come in contact with and the world say Jesus is?

In verse 20, Jesus asked them a very important question that we all need to answer personally, "But who do YOU say that I am?" Have each person share their answer to this question with honesty and humility. How does your daily life prove or disprove your answer?

Are you a "fan" or "follower" of Jesus? How is your life different when you surrender your life to Jesus and go from a fan to a follower?

Discuss this quote by Hudson Taylor and how does it relate to Luke 9:18-26?

"Christ is either Lord of all, or He is not Lord at all." - Hudson Taylor

Read verses 23-24 again. According to the sermon and what God is teaching you, what does it mean to deny yourself (aka. Die to self)?

Why is it so hard to totally surrender to Jesus and tell him, "I am not calling the shots in my life anymore. I exist for you and glorify you?"

Why do you think Jesus tells us we must surrender and die to ourselves DAILY?

How does this quote from the great martyr & missionary of our faith Jim Elliot speak to verses 24-25? *"He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose."*

DISCUSSION CONTINUED

Anytime we read God's Word, we need to ask the question, "What does this story teach us about who God is?" As a group, make a list of the attributes of God that are revealed in this passage of scripture?

What is one thing that stood out to you from the sermon and why do you think God wants you to remember this truth?

PRAYER (In gender based groups)

*Share praises, answered prayers, and prayer requests.

Closing Prayer. (come back together as a group)

God, thank you that you are worthy of our praise and worthy of our whole lives, not just part of it. God, in your grace and power, we surrender to you and desire to move from being just a fan of you to a fully devoted follower of you. Thank you Jesus, for your grace that is always enough. Jesus we trust you & pray in the power of your name, amen.



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