

BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, June 22, 2008

Passage: Luke 9:18-27

Memory Passage: Luke 9:23

TODAY: *From your study this past week, what is one thing that impressed you that can be of help in your life?*

DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Luke 9:18-19.** What was Jesus doing when his disciples approached him? What does this show us about the strength of his life and ministry?
- (b) What is the main question that Jesus asks his disciples? Why is this question so important?
- (c) What was the question being asked about Jesus in Luke 8:27? Why are people asking these questions?
- (d) What did the disciples answer Jesus? Why would they say this (Luke 9:7-8; Matthew 14:2; John 7:40; John 9:17)?
- (e) *Family:* Read Luke 9:18-19 and Luke 9:7-8. What kinds of evidence that Jesus is the Messiah has Luke presented us with so far in his gospel? Give some examples from each chapter. Read 1 Peter 3:15 and pray that you can be ready to give an answer to those who have questions about who Jesus is.

DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Luke 9:20.** How does Jesus rephrase the question? Why is it important that his disciples answer *this* question? Read Matthew 7:21-23. Who does Jesus say will be the one that everyone will answer to ultimately?
- (b) Read John 10:27-30. What did Jesus say was a characteristic of *His* sheep? What does he give to them? What is the promise that he gives to everyone of them?
- (c) Read John 5:21-24. Who gives eternal life to people? Read verse 24 carefully: What are the three things promised to everyone who believes?
- (d) Read Acts 4:10-12, Acts 10:43, 1 Timothy 2:5-6 and 1 John 5:11-12. What do these passages say about the importance of a relationship with Jesus?
- (e) *Family:* Read Luke 9:20 and John 10:27-30. Why is it important that we have a right view of *who* Jesus is? Why must a person have a relationship with Jesus to go to heaven? Pray for someone who needs to come to faith in Jesus.

DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Luke 9:21-22.** What surprising thing does Jesus tell his disciples? Why do they fail to understand (Luke 9:44-45)?
- (b) Read Matthew 16:21-23. Why do you think Jesus was repeatedly telling them this ahead of time (Luke 24:6-7; Luke 24:46; John 13:19; John 14:29)?
- (c) How specific was Jesus in telling the disciples about what would happen (Mark 9:31; 10:32-34)?
- (d) How did Peter respond (Matthew 16:22-23)? Read Luke 22:31-34. What did Peter say this time? What else did Jesus reveal about what would happen to Peter? How should all these things have affected the disciples (Luke 24:25-27)?
- (e) *Family:* Read Luke 9:21-22 and Isaiah 44:6-7. How important is prophecy in showing us who Jesus is? How important was it for Jesus to let his disciples know what was going to happen to him before it happened? What does this tell us about *who* Jesus is? Pray that you too might rest in God's sovereign control of all events before they happen.

DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Luke 9:23.** What three things does Jesus say that a disciple must do to follow Him?
- (b) What comes first (Luke 14:26-27)? Why is this? How is this a daily part of the disciple's life (Titus 2:12)?
- (c) What did Jesus mean when he said that a disciple must "take up his cross?" (Galatians 2:20; Galatians 6:14; 1 Corinthians 2:2; Philippians 1:29)? *How often* are we called to do this?
- (d) How does the last statement summarize the essence of the Christian life (John 21:19-22; John 12:26; John 10:27)?
- (e) *Family:* Read Luke 9:27. What does it mean for you to follow Jesus? What kinds of things can we be doing that help us to follow Him? Why is it important that we follow him *daily*? Pray that you might follow him with all your heart every day of your life.

DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT**READ THE PASSAGE**

- (a) **Read Luke 9:24-27.** What surprising statement does Jesus make in Luke 9:24? How does this relate to coming to faith in Christ? Is it just someone that wishes to lose his life will save it? What is the key difference?
- (b) What comparison does Jesus make in Luke 9:25? Read Luke 16:19-31. What did the rich man discover *after* he died?
- (c) Also read Luke 12:16-21. What did this man learn about the importance of dealing with eternal things *now*?
- (d) Read the two parables in Matthew 13:44-46. What do they have in common? What do these people see about the value of the Kingdom?
- (e) Read Luke 9:26-27. What did Jesus say about those who are not open about their relationship with Jesus? When are you tempted to be “ashamed” of Jesus? Consider what it will be like to have Jesus be ashamed of you before His Father! How should this motivate you to live daily for Him?
- (f) *Family:* Read Luke 9:24-27 and Matthew 13:44-46. Discuss the value of eternal life. Why do people not come to Jesus for salvation? Is it because they place a greater value on other things than Christ? Give some examples. What are some ways you are ashamed of Christ? Pray that you will have the boldness to speak openly about Jesus.

DAY 6 – ASK FOR INSIGHT**READ THE PASSAGE**

Think back through what you have learned each day this week. Read Luke 9:18-27. What is the one question that everyone must answer? What kinds of evidence has God given about who Jesus is? What does it mean to follow Jesus? Pray that tomorrow’s message might lead some to faith in Christ.

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Following Jesus

“Let him deny himself, take up his cross daily and follow me.”