

BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, June 29, 2008

Passage: Luke 9:28-45

Memory Passage: Luke 9:35

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) Review Luke 9:18-27. What did the masses of Jewish people think about Jesus? What did the leaders of the Jews think about Jesus? What did the 12 disciples think about Jesus?

(b) How did the disciple's view of Jesus differ from that of the masses?

(c) After Peter's confession of who Jesus was, what did Jesus say that upset the 12 disciples? Why would this have upset them? (see also Matt. 16:21-28 and Mark 8:31-9:1)

(d) Read Matt. 16:21 and Mark 8:31. What did Jesus begin to emphasize to the 12 disciples from this point on? Why was this important?

Day 2- ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) Read the parallel accounts of the transfiguration in Matt. 17 and Mark 9. What immediately preceded the transfiguration? Where else do we find a similar occurrence in Scripture? Think of the last week of Jesus' life.

(b) How do the different writers describe what happened?

(c) What do you think was the purpose of the transfiguration? How did Peter use this event later on? See II Pet. 1:12-21.

(d) What was God's testimony about who Jesus was?

Day 3- ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) Read the parallel accounts of the transfiguration in Matt. 16 and Mark 9. What did Moses' and Elijah's presence represent? Are they presented as co-equals of Jesus?

(b) How did Peter's proposal diminish the person of Jesus? Why do you think Peter made this proposal?

(c) What did Jesus talk about with Moses and Elijah?

(d) What did God's voice command the disciples? Why do you think this command was especially significant at this time?

Day 4- ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) Read Luke 9:37-45 and the parallel accounts in Matt. 16 and Mark 9. What was going on at the base of the mountain when Jesus and the disciples came down?

(b) What was wrong with the boy who needed healing? How long had he been this way?

(c) Who did the father ask for help first? Why were the disciples not able to cast out this demon when they had previously had so much success? How do you think this might be related to Jesus telling them about His death?

Day 5- ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) Read Luke 9:37-45 and the parallel accounts in Matt. 16 and Mark 9. Why do you think Jesus responded the way He did in Luke 9:41?

(b) What did Jesus say the disciples were lacking in order to cast out this demon? What does this say to us about the way we carry out our ministries?

(c) What does Jesus' statement that only by prayer could this demon be cast out imply?

(d) After healing the boy, what does Jesus go back to talking about with His disciples? What does he add here that he hasn't mentioned before? Why do you think the disciples were afraid to ask for clarification?

Day 6- ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

Think back over what you have learned this week. Thank God for the abundant proofs that Jesus is God Himself, and that as the perfect God-man he came to suffer and die for our sins. Thank God also for Jesus' compassion for people who were so slow to learn.