

Week 8 - Luke 9:1-50

Small Group Discussion Guide:

1. Jesus' disciples come to the forefront of the story in this section. How does their role in Jesus' ministry start to change in this chapter? How does their understanding of Jesus' identity progress?
2. How does Luke use these stories to draw our attention to the apostles' readiness (or lack of readiness) to do the work of Jesus' ministry when he departs?
3. According to these passages, what does it mean to follow Jesus? What does it look like for you personally to deny yourself and take up your cross daily to follow Jesus?
4. When Luke was writing this passage, Christians were being martyred for the gospel by the Roman emperor Nero. They would have understood exactly what Luke 9:23-26 meant. Has the meaning changed for the church today?
5. What is Luke teaching us about prayer here? (See Luke 9:18 and 28-29.) What other events in Luke 1-8 have been preceded by prayer? What difference should this make for your prayer life?
6. What lessons did the disciples need to learn in Luke 9:37-50? Which of these lessons is most convicting for you personally?
7. Which part of Luke 9:1-50 most impacted your thinking about who Jesus is? Who do **you** say that Jesus is, after reading this far in Luke?

What is your big take-away from this passage or this discussion? Is there anything you need to confess or yield to God in response to this truth? What will you praise God for? What will you ask God to do?