

Sermon Guide

Luke 9:18-36



- ▶ In Luke 9:18-20, Jesus asks the disciples, “Who do the crowds say I am?” The disciples answer with the popular speculations of the day: John the Baptist, Elijah, or a risen Old Testament prophet. Who do people say Jesus is today?
- ▶ Jesus then asks his disciples, “But who do you say that I am?” How would you answer this question for yourself?

GROW



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1. Why doesn't Jesus want them to tell anyone he is the Christ?
2. What does it mean to deny yourself and take up your cross?
3. Why would Jesus take Peter, James, and John to witness the Transfiguration? How is this related to Peter's confession (vv. 18-20) and Jesus' prophecy (v. 22)?
4. What is the significance of Moses and Elijah appearing with Jesus?
5. How is this event misunderstood by Peter? How is this event underscored by God?



▶ What specifically do you need to do to deny yourself and follow Christ? What is God calling you to do?

▶ On the mountain, the voice of God declares, “This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to him.” When it comes to listening to Jesus, how have you been doing lately?

GLORIFY

- Peter, James, and John get a glimpse of Christ's glory on the mountain during the Transfiguration. Reflect for a moment on the reaction of those who witnessed the glory of God: Jacob (Gen 28:10-22), Moses (Ex 3:1-6; 19:16-19; 24:15-18; 33:17-34:8; 34:29-35), Elijah (1 Kings 19:9-14), Isaiah (Isaiah 6:1-7). One day we too will see the glory of God. Read Revelation 21. Until then, we glorify the name of Jesus by obeying His commands and worshipping Him. Listen to the song, read the lyrics, and/or sing along to, “Show Me Your Glory” by Third Day or listen to the Hallelujah Chorus.