



LUKE

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Read either before your small group or all together at the start.

1. Throughout these first 9 chapters of Luke, he has been concerned with introducing us to Jesus and helping us to discern who Jesus is. In Luke 9:20, Jesus asks Peter who he believes Jesus to be. Who would you say Jesus is to you? How have you experienced Jesus in your life?
2. Read Luke 9:23-25. What do you think Jesus is trying to say here? What do you think it means to lose your life vs. save your life? What choices do we make on a daily basis that demonstrate a willingness to lose your life or an effort to save it?
3. In v. 35 God speaks again about Jesus and specifically says to “listen to him.” Alex pointed out that what Jesus was saying was to point us to the necessity of his death and resurrection. Alex then asked how we might be able to share that message with others? What specific ways could you share that good news with people now, especially during this pandemic?
4. What do you find most difficult about the idea of sharing your faith? What do you find helpful when trying to do that? Have you ever had any good spiritual discussions with non-Christian friends? What led to them?
5. Alex talked to us about the story from v. 46-48. Take a look to remind yourself about it. He pointed out that the image of the child standing next to Jesus would have been a reminder that next to him we are small, weak and almost insignificant. What did you think about that? What does that teach you about Jesus? About yourself? Or about what it means to follow Jesus?
6. At the end of Luke 9 Jesus talks again about the cost of following Jesus. What does Jesus mean by saying there’s a cost? In v. 57-62, how would explain what the costs are that Jesus is describing (Alex helped to explain in his devo this week as well)? What is the “cost” that you find most challenging personally in your choice to follow Jesus?