

Sermon Discussion Guide for small groups, families, and individuals

“Following Jesus into the Unknown”

Luke 9:28-62

January 3-4, 2015

For Starters

1. Looking back at your notes from this week’s teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged you or raised questions?
2. What are your goals for 2015? Does being a Christ-follower help or hinder you in setting goals?

Digging In

1. Read verses 28-36. How does verse 27 give context to this passage?
2. Describe the scene on top of the mountain. Who was there? What did it look like? What descriptive words are used to portray the atmosphere?
3. Read verses 8 and 19. How did Moses and Elijah’s appearance in verse 30 refute earlier guesses as to Jesus’ identity? How did their appearance prove Jesus’ identity?
4. The voice from the cloud in verse 35 had been heard before in Luke 3:21-22. How were the statements similar? Who is the voice speaking to this time?
5. Compare verse 22 and verses 31, 41, 44 and 51. What changed in Luke’s orderly account of Jesus?
6. Verses 37-43 describe another miracle. What’s different about this healing?
7. How does the deliverance of the demon-possessed boy contrast with Jesus being “delivered over to human hands” in verse 44?
8. The disciples argued in verse 46. How did Jesus readjust their perspective on greatness?
9. How do verses 57-62 illustrate Jesus’ words in verse 23?

Bringing It Home

1. In this passage, Jesus turned His face towards Jerusalem and began His journey to the cross. Those following Him did not quite understand what was happening in the moment. How would you answer the question, “Why did Jesus have to die?”
2. What encourages you in this passage? What troubles you?
3. Verse 43 says that the crowd was “amazed at the greatness of God” (another translation has “astonished at the majesty of God”). What amazes/astonishes you about Jesus?

Digging Deeper

Compare Luke 9:51-56 with John 8:48 and John 4:1-42. How do these passages describe the relationship between the Jews and the Samaritans? Why would Jesus not do what His disciples asked in Luke 9:54? How does John 4 show Jesus’ love for the Samaritan people? How can we as Christ-followers imitate Jesus today as we consider those different from us?

Adopt a Teacher Tip Week #12:

The transition back to school after break can be tough!

Schedule a time in the month of January to volunteer in your teacher’s classroom.

Contact Karrah for more information at kmesser@doorcreekchurch.org

Belonging to a small group is a great way to grow spiritually. If you’re interested in joining a Life Group or learning more, contact Deb at dmiller@doorcreekchurch.org