

## Spending Time with Jesus in Luke 9

Don't forget to invite Jesus to speak to you as you read this week.

First read through: Read Chapter 9 all the way through, imagining you are there.

Second read through: Look for themes and underline them in the color on your key.

What do you notice?

**Hint:** *What important word appears in v. 18, 28 and 29?*

*Do you find another important word repeated in vv. 26-32?*

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Third read through: Chapter 9 has so, so much to say. Get buckled in!

### **Luke 9:1-9**

*What does it say about Jesus' own power and authority if he can give it to his disciples?*

*\*Who is opposing the coming of the kingdom of God in this passage? How are they/have they opposed God reigning as king?*

### **Luke 9:10-17**

*Jesus is now partnering with his disciples. Verse 6 says that they were the ones touching sick people and healing them. But how do you think they felt in verse 13 when Jesus replies, "You give them something to eat"?*

*What Old Testament story does Luke want you to think of? (key words/ideas: 12, remote place, hungry crowd who've been listening to an explanation of what it means for God to be their king, "all ate and were satisfied".) What other words are the same in both this story and that OT one?*

### **Luke 9:18-20**

*This is the first of 2 stories in this chapter that begin in a very similar way. What is Jesus doing, where, and who is with him? Why do you think Luke wants you to know that this is how this story begins? (after all, he could have left it out...)*

*Who do people today say that Jesus is? Think of people you yourself know. Can you give 3 different examples?*

*Some say \_\_\_\_\_*

*Other say \_\_\_\_\_*

*And still others say \_\_\_\_\_*

*"Who do you say that I am?" Close your eyes and allow Jesus to ask you that question. Spend some time talking to him about this. If you say that he is your Lord, that means you willingly submit to him and give him the rights to every part of you...your mind, spirit, and body, your past, present and future, your money, time and relationships. Everything.*

### **Luke 9:21-27**

*Jesus knows that his disciples' ideas of what "Messiah" means isn't in line with God's plan. This is the first time he lets them in on what God has been planning since before the world was created. Luke doesn't tell us what their reaction is here. He wants us to focus on the plan, too.*

*"The Son of Man must be killed and on the third day be raised to life." Only the Son of Man has the power and authority to fight this ultimate battle with sin, death, shame, the devil, all demonic powers, and all the corruption that came as a result of each human demanding their own way and cooperating with evil. He is fighting on behalf of all humanity, very much*

*like David when he fought against Goliath and won, freeing all Israel from the Philistine oppression. He is our champion. If he wins (and he knows that he will), all of humanity will be set free from the power of sin and the devil and shame, etc....as long as they choose Jesus as their Lord and actually let him rule as their Lord. And each of us gets to choose:*

*“Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.”*

*Talk about humbling yourself! But who humbled himself first? \_\_\_\_\_*

*What does God do for the one who humbles themselves? Re-read verses 23-24. Knowing what you know so far, how do you think God will exalt those who humble themselves in this way?*

### **Luke 9:28-36**

*This is the second of 2 stories in this chapter that begin in a very similar way. What is Jesus doing, where, and who is with him? Why do you think Luke wants you to know that this is how this story begins?*

*If I told you that the word “departure” in v. 31 in Greek is pronounced “EK-so-dos”, what Old Testament story do you think Luke wants you to have in mind?*

*\*Who opposed God and refused to humble himself and obey him in that Old Testament story?*

*Does that story help you see what Jesus is accomplishing by dying on the cross? If so, what?*

### **Luke 9:37-43a**

*\*What is opposing Jesus in this story? It has to submit to Jesus, but it doesn’t seem to give up easily.*

*Who does Jesus say is unbelieving and perverse (which means warped, not as it was created to be)? \_\_\_\_\_ Since this includes the disciples, what is it that they are not believing? (see v. 22) Why would their not believing this make it so that they couldn’t drive out the demon?*

### **Luke 9:43b-48**

*Again Jesus explains the battle strategy. Still...crickets. Instead, what do the disciples do?*

*What theme do you see again in v. 48? (hint: see Mary's song in chapter 1)*

### **Luke 9:49-62**

*\*Who is opposing Jesus in vv. 52-53? \_\_\_\_\_*

*John and James think they are on the same page as Jesus. What do they want? How does Jesus respond to them?*

*Take a moment and look at all the \* questions. Hmmm...*

*Note verse 51. This is pivotal moment. Jesus knows he is going to cause an exodus by setting humanity free from its slavery to death. The battle plan is that he will lay down his life in Jerusalem. What adverb does Luke use to describe how Jesus sets out? What does this mean?*

*Even in v. 59, Jesus is calling another disciple to follow him and two others are volunteering to follow him. Jesus gives some interesting answers. Why do you think Luke doesn't tell us if these men actually end up following him?*

*What would happen if you were plowing a row in a field and looked backward while you were plowing? Would that be a big deal? Remember most of Judea had very, very little fertile land.*

*What point is Jesus making about following him as he talks to these potential disciples?*