

Luke 9: 1-17

Life-giving discipleship



Think about and discuss one or two questions from each section.

The text – Luke 9:1-17

1. Read Luke 9:1-17. What do you normally think of when you think of “power and authority”? Discuss these words. What do they mean?
2. How does Herod use his power according to Luke 9:8. This event (the murder of John the Baptist) is told in both Matthew 14:1-12 and Mark 6:14-29.
3. How is power and authority to be used in the kingdom of God?
4. Discuss the mission trip on which Jesus sends the disciples in Luke 9:3-6. What do you think Jesus was mainly seeking to teach the disciples through this trip?
5. In 5:13, Jesus challenges the disciples with the words, “You give them something to eat”. There is an emphasis on the word “you”. What is Jesus seeking to teach the disciples?
6. Not everyone who was there on this occasion would have even known that a miracle occurred. But the disciples knew. What do they learn about Jesus as a result of the feeding of the 5,000?

The Scriptures – Luke 9:1-17 as a portion of the Scriptures

7. Along with the resurrection of Jesus, this is the only miracle that all four gospel accounts record. You can read about it in Matthew 14:13-21, Mark 6:32-44, and John 6:5-13, as well as in Luke 9. Why is it so important? Choose one of the other accounts, read it and compare it with the account in Luke.
8. There are many wonderful stories in the Old Testament history of Israel that prefigure the feeding of the 5,000. For example, when Israel was wandering in the wilderness for 40 years, God fed them with manna from heaven. Read Deuteronomy 8:15-18, a passage in which Moses remembers those years. What did God teach Israel throughout those 40 years?

Our lives – walking the way of Jesus in response to Luke 9:1-17 as a portion of the Scriptures

9. What does it mean to be a disciple? What do you learn about discipleship from this passage of Scripture?
10. What are the main challenges to a life of grace and giving, generosity, meals and hospitality, in our current era? How can we live differently to people around us who don't follow Jesus?