

Luke 9: 18-36

Glorious Humility



Choose one or two questions from each section.

The text – Luke 9:18–36

1. The passage makes a number of references to Moses. What was Moses' role(s) in Israel? How is Jesus like and unlike him?
2. The passage makes a number of references to Elijah. What was Elijah's role(s) in Israel? How is Jesus like and unlike him?
3. Why might Peter have proposed that Jesus was the Christ?
4. How does Jesus use the expression 'Son of Man' in the passage?
5. What does Jesus mean when he says to deny the self, take up one's cross daily and follow him?
 - Deny what about oneself?
 - What is it about a cross that makes it an aspect of discipleship?
 - Follow what aspect of Jesus' teaching or model?
6. If you were Peter, James or John, how would you have understood the significance of the events on the mountain?
7. Why is the voice from heaven important?
8. Why does Luke provide several comments about privacy and secrecy in the passage?

The Scriptures – Luke 9: 18–36 as a portion of the Scriptures

9. How does this passage connect with Exodus 34:29–35 and the face of Moses?
10. What do the deaths of Moses and Elijah have in common? Why might this influence this passage? See Deuteronomy 34:5–6 and 2 Kings 2:15–18.
11. How might the prophecy of Malachi be influencing people's understanding of who Jesus is? See Malachi 4:1–6.
12. How is Jesus like the servant from the book of Isaiah. Consider Isaiah 42:1–4 and Isaiah 50:4–11.

Our lives – walking the way of Jesus in response to Luke 8:1–21 as a portion of the Scriptures

13. What place do self-esteem and self-care have in your life? How do they relate to self-denial?
14. What is about the world that you most wish you could gain?
15. What do you gain in your life with Jesus that the world could never offer?
16. What helps you to treat Jesus as a unique, glorious prophet?