

Luke 9: 18-36

The one who is least among you is the greatest



The text – Luke 9:37-62

1. Note the five times during this passage when the disciples got it wrong. Do you think there is a pattern?
2. Read verses 37-43. Why do you think the disciples couldn't drive the demon out? Discuss the weight of Jesus' words in verse 41.
3. Spend time thinking about Jesus' words in verse 48. What does he mean?
4. Discuss the incident in verses 51-56. Why do you think the disciples wanted to call down fire on the Samaritan village? Do we ever feel like that? What helps us in those situations?
5. Read verses 57-62 and have a probing discussion on our human tendency to excuse ourselves.

The scriptures – Luke 9:37-62 as a portion of the Scriptures

6. Compare this section in Luke 9:37-62 with Matthew 17:14-23 and Mark 9:14-32. How does Jesus reply to the disciples' question about why they couldn't heal the boy? Do you think his answers in both texts are similar? Are there any other differences?
7. Consider the account of the Golden Calf in Exodus 32. Are there any similarities to this section in Luke? How does it affect our reading of Luke, as well as our understanding of the human heart?
8. Read Phil 2:1-11. Share your understanding of Jesus' humility.

Our Lives – walking the way of Jesus in response to Luke 9:37-62 as a portion of the Scriptures

9. Do you want to be great? What areas of greatness come to mind? How does your identity as someone who sits at the feet of Jesus feed into that?
10. Talk about an area of pride in your own life. What helps you to remember who you are, at the deepest level? How can we help you, and each other, to remember that everything we have comes from God?