

Jesus Magnified

Luke 9

Lesson 8

FIRST DAY: Read Luke 9

True discipleship requires two things: faith in Jesus and self-denial. Neither of these requirements are inherent in any of us. Faith is built by continually growing in our knowledge of Jesus and by trusting and entrusting to Him the trials and testings of life. Self-denial is a practice that is developed as we learn to say *no* to our self-serving, self-centered, self-preserving nature and say *yes* to Jesus.

These are the same principles we observe in Luke 9. In this chapter Jesus began to train His disciples for true discipleship. Jesus sent them throughout Israel in His power and authority; used them to feed the multitude; revealed His glory to Peter, James, and John; and took authority over a demon in their presence. All the while Jesus continued to teach them about the importance of self-denial, even pointing to His own imminent suffering and death. Jesus offered discipleship to many, but only those who denied themselves and followed Him became His true disciples.

Ask the Lord to enable you to grow in your faith and your ability to deny yourself that you might truly be His disciple.

SECOND DAY: Read Luke 9:1–11

1. At this time Jesus *called His twelve disciples together* (Luke 9:1a). Use Luke 9:1b–5 to note and comment on:
 - a. What He *gave them* (verse 1b)

b. What He *sent them* to do (verse 2)

c. What He *said to them* (verses 3–5)

d. Now, share something the Lord has:

(1) Given you

(2) Sent you to do

(3) Said to you

2. What did the disciples do after Jesus commissioned them? Luke 9:6

3. In Luke 9:7–9 Luke inserted a parenthetical note about Herod. What do you find interesting about this?

4. What happened when the disciples *returned* from their time of ministry? Luke 9:10

a. How does Jesus' regard for His disciples speak to you?

5. *When the multitudes knew* where Jesus was, what occurred? Luke 9:11a

a. Link this with Matthew 9:36 and 15:32. What do you see?

b. What did Jesus do after He *received them*? Luke 9:11b

6. What ministers to you most from your study today?

THIRD DAY: Read Luke 9:12-22

1. *When the day began to wear away*, the disciples came to Jesus with a problem. Use Luke 9:12-15 to remark on:

a. The problem

b. The disciples' remedy

c. Jesus' instructions

2. What did Jesus do with *the five loaves and the two fish*? Luke 9:16

- a. Recall that this multitude included *five thousand men* (Luke 9:14), as well as women and children. With this in mind, remark on the outcome. Luke 9:17
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3. After this amazing miracle, Jesus went *alone* to pray. When *His disciples joined Him*, He asked two important questions. Use Luke 9:18–20 to answer these questions:
 - a. *Who do the crowds say that I am?*

 - b. *Who do you say that I am?*
 - (1) Link this with Matthew 16:16–17 to comment on the significance of this.
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4. John recorded that at this time the crowds were trying to force Jesus to be king (John 6:15). How might this explain why Jesus *strictly warned* them? Luke 9:21
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5. From Luke 9:22 record what Jesus disclosed to His disciples.
 - a. Why do you think He did this?

6. How would you answer Jesus' questions in light of today's culture:

a. *Who do the crowds say that I am?*

b. *Who do you say that I am?*

FOURTH DAY: Read Luke 9:23-36

1. In Luke 9:22 Jesus foretold of the sacrifice He would make. Then in Luke 9:23 Jesus spoke of the sacrifices necessary for us to *come after* Him. From this verse identify these three requirements:

a. *Let him* _____

(1) The Greek word for *deny* means *to lose sight of one's self and one's own interests*. How does this speak to you?

b. *Take up* _____

(1) Link this with Galatians 2:20 and share your thoughts.

c. *And* _____.

(1) Why does this need to be a *daily* practice?

2. Use Luke 9:24 to fill in the blanks: *For whoever desires to _____ his life will _____ it, but whoever _____ his life for _____ will _____ it.*

a. In what area do you need to *lose* your life?

3. Write Jesus' question in Luke 9:25 in your own words.

4. Comment on the sobering truth Jesus stated in Luke 9:26.

5. In Luke 9:27 Jesus declared that some of His disciples would not *taste death till they see the kingdom of God*. As a result, *eight days after these sayings*, something incredible happened. Use Luke 9:28–36 to answer the following:
 - a. Where did Jesus take Peter, James, and John? (verse 28)

 - b. Describe what took place *as He prayed*. (verse 29)

 - c. When Moses and Elijah *appeared*, what did they discuss with Jesus? (verse 31)
 - (1) This amazing event is known as the Transfiguration of Jesus: a radical transformation of His appearance so that His true glory and majesty could be glimpsed. What do you find most compelling about this scene?

 - (2) Moses represented the law and Elijah represented the prophets. With this in mind, why do you think their appearance was significant?

d. *Peter and those with him* awoke from sleep to witness this glorious scene. Remark on Peter's exclamation. (verse 33)

e. Summarize what happened *while he was saying this*. (verses 34–36a)

(1) What would this have conveyed to the disciples about Jesus?

(2) What does this convey to you about Jesus?

f. How did the disciples react to all *they had seen*? (verse 9:36b)

6. What is your reaction to all you have seen in your study today?

FIFTH DAY: Read Luke 9:37–45

1. *Now it happened on the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, that a great multitude met Him (Luke 9:37). Use Luke 9:38–40 to describe the plight of the man who cried out.*
 - a. Use Matthew 17:19–21 to note and comment on why the disciples could not *cast* the demon out.

2. What did Jesus say about this *generation*? Luke 9:41

3. What happened as *the child* was being brought to Jesus? Luke 9:42

4. How did the crowd react to the *things which Jesus did*? Luke 9:43

5. What did Jesus desire to *sink down into* the ears of His disciples? Luke 9:44
 - a. Why do you think Jesus gave this forewarning?

 - b. How did they receive *these words*? Luke 9:45

6. What is your takeaway from today's study?

SIXTH DAY: Read Luke 9:46-62

1. Through these situations and Jesus' instructions in Luke 9:46-62, we see the preparation of the disciples. As you fill in the chart below, draw out lessons for your own spiritual preparation from these verses:

THE SITUATION	JESUS' ANSWER	LESSON
Verse 46	Verses 47-48	
Verse 49	Verse 50	
Verses 51-54	Verses 55-56	
Verse 57	Verse 58	
Verse 59	Verse 60	
Verse 61	Verse 62	

2. What did you gain this week in regard to:

a. Discipleship

b. Faith

c. Self-denial

3. How was Jesus magnified through your study this week?