

Luke 9:1-27

The Story So Far

Jesus came as a doctor for the spiritually "sick," calling surprising people into his kingdom even as many "healthy" religious people rejected him. In his teaching and his treatment of others, Jesus showed that happiness lies in following him, loving like him, trusting him, and grasping forgiveness from him. Jesus' parables warn us to listen well by obeying him, as members of his family; his actions show that he has power over nature, evil, illness and even death.

Talk about

1. If you could have any job in the world, what would it be? Why?.

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2. What job does Jesus invite his disciples to share with him (v 1-2)?
3. What job does he command his disciples to do in verse 13? What is the problem with the command?
4. How does Jesus make it possible for his disciples to do this job (v 16-17)?.

Between these two episodes, Luke tells us of King Herod's response to what is going on. Herod asks a question that is familiar to us by now: "Who ... is this" (v 9)?

Even the ruler of the land lacks clarity. Luke is preparing us for the first human to grasp the truth about Jesus...

Read Luke 9:18-20

5. What is Peter's answer to the question, "Who is this?" (v 20)?

Read 2 Samuel 7 v 12-13; Psalm 2; Jeremiah 23 v 5-6.

6. By answering Jesus' question as he does, what exactly is Peter saying about who Jesus is?

Apply

7. What have these verses taught us about the work of Christian ministry?
8. Why do Christians have a privileged job? To what extent do you view this job as a privilege?

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9. Remember the Old Testament background to the title of "Messiah." What is shocking about verse 22?
10. What will life as a subject of the Messiah be like (v 23)? What do these phrases mean for everyday life? Why is it worth it? (Vv.24-25)
11. A disciple must pick up his or her cross daily. What questions could we ask ourselves daily?