

SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE

Luke 9:28-36

Ice Breaker: What is one evidence of God working in your life this week?

Ice Breaker: How has God's word encouraged you this week?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. **Review Luke 9:18-27:** What was the main point of this larger section? What was the "climax" of this section? What instructions does Jesus give to the people in 9:23-27?
2. **Read Luke 9:28-36:** If you could sum up this whole passage in one sentence, what would you say? Another way of saying it: if Luke 9 jumped from verse 27 to verse 37, what would the story be missing by not having verses 28-36?
3. Jesus goes to the mount to pray before his "heavenly encounter." What does Jesus' prayer life teach us about our own prayer life? How often do we give ourselves a focused time of prayer before a large decision or a big life moment? If none, why?
4. What is significant about Jesus' glowing appearance? Who does that remind you of in the Old Testament? Why is Jesus' transfiguration different than this OT example? What does this moment on the mountain say about who Jesus is?
5. How does Jesus' glory, revealed in this passage, change how we view Jesus? What are ways in which we have not always viewed Jesus with the appropriate reverence?
6. Why is it important to keep Jesus' humanity and divinity together? What happens to our view of Jesus if we let one side overtake the other?
7. What is the pronouncement that God makes over Jesus? How does this connect to Luke 8:25? How does this answer relate to Peter's answer in 9:20?
8. What do the two names that God says over Jesus mean (Son; Chosen One)? Where do they come from? How do they relate to Israel? How do they relate to us?
9. God ends with "listen to him." In what ways do we struggle with listening to Jesus' words? What encouragements and helps has Luke given us thus far (review Luke - especially Luke 6 & 8).
10. What areas of your own life are you struggling to listen to and obey God currently? Why is it so difficult? What might you be believing about God that is untrue that is causing you not to obey him?

Application: Spend some time praying for one another. Pray for our faith and trust in his good plan for our lives. Pray specifically for anyone struggling to obey God and to trust in him.