

Water of Life Community Church
THE WONDER OF GOD
WEEK 7
LUKE 9:1-27

ICE BREAKER

PRAYER

WORSHIP

INTRODUCTION

Before Jesus' disciples could represent Him well, they had to understand what following in Jesus' footsteps required. Joining Jesus in His mission requires learning from Him, dependence on Him, and sacrificing for Him.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. READ LUKE 9:1-6.

- a. What decision did Jesus make about His ministry in this passage? Why?
- b. Why are Jesus' specific instructions to the disciples in verses 3-5 significant? What did these actions reveal?
- c. What mission has Jesus given you? How do Jesus' instructions to His disciples in these verses apply to our mission today?

2. READ LUKE 9:10-17.

- a. What's the difference between Jesus' response to the crowd and the disciples'? What does each response reveal about them?
- b. What obvious solution to the dilemma of hunger did the disciples miss? Why should it have been obvious? What did their proposed solution show about their level of understanding of who Jesus was?
- c. How did the miracle of feeding more than 5,000 people demonstrate that Jesus cares about every person?
- d. In what ways is Water of Life taking seriously Jesus' concern for others and reaching more people in His name? How can we (as individuals and as a group) join in what our church is doing?
- e. What circumstances today tempt us to limit Jesus?

f. Since little becomes much when placed in Christ's hands, what is our responsibility? In other words, how can we be generous with what Christ has provided for us?

3. READ LUKE 9:18-27.

a. How might the disciples have felt about verse 22? How might this have altered their understanding of Jesus' mission and their part in it?

b. In your own words, what did Jesus mean by "take up his cross"? Why is doing so a necessary part of discipleship?

c. How does carrying a cross through life affect the decisions we make and priorities we have?

4. READ LUKE 9:28-36.

a. What do you imagine the transfiguration looked like?

b. What was Moses' exodus experience? What was Elijah's (see 2 Kings 2:11)?

c. What would Jesus' exodus entail? How did it compare to what Moses and Elijah accomplished? Why was Jesus' exodus better?

d. Why is it so tempting to want to stay with God on a mountain-top experience, rather than coming back down to serve?

e. Read verses 34-35 again. Why do you think God felt it necessary to speak in this particular moment?

f. The disciples' re-entry could be equated to returning from a mission trip when you've seen God work in ways you never imagined. Have you had an experience like that? If so, describe what coming back to "normal" life was like for you.

PRAYER/MINISTRY TIME

What is your mission in life? What does God's kingdom have to do with it?

Since little becomes much when placed in Christ's hands, what is our responsibility?

What are some practical implications of the fact that Jesus is the Son of God? How can these affect the way you live as a son or daughter of God?

GOING DEEPER/WEEKLY CHALLENGE

REFLECT

- Think back to a time in your life where you saw the power of God move THROUGH you. How were you a blessing to someone else?

RESPOND

- Commit to following the Lord's prompting to use you this week to bless someone else.

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MEMORY VERSE

Luke 9:35, Christian Standard Version (CSV)

"Then a voice came from the cloud, saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One; listen to Him!'"

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