

4. Can a person be a true Christian without being a disciple of Christ?- *James 2:14-19*.

Can you truly believe in Jesus as Savior without believing in Him as Lord? - *Acts 16:31, Romans 10:9*

5. We are all called to be disciples of Christ, though not everyone is called and gifted to be a leader (*Romans 12:4-6*). How?

Are we willing to accept our assignment to serve in God's program? *1 Peter 4:10*
What might be yours?

6. From Luke 9:23-26, what activities or attitudes are key to following Christ? Which of the "S" Words from the message are most challenging for you? Pick at least one.

7. We must be willing to "die" for Christ, but more importantly, He wants us to live for Him. What insights do we learn from Romans 12:1-2?

Taking it Home– Honoring Christ

Be sure everyone knows everyone in your group by name and spend time praying for each other. As we begin Life Groups this quarter, encourage each other that we are all on the same journey– to trust Christ, obey Christ, and become more like Christ!

Sunday Message

September 24, 2017

“The Truth About the Who and the What!”

Luke 9:18-27

Crucial questions that are going to be on the test!

1. Who is Jesus? *Luke 9:18-20*

He is not simply a holy man

He is not simply a miracle worker

He is the Christ of God

Son of God - *Matthew 16:16-17*

Son of Man *Daniel 7:13,14*

Revelation 1:12-20

Luke 9:22

2. What is Jesus to do? *Luke 9:21-22*

He must suffer

He must be killed

He must be raised up

Matthew 16:16,17

1 Peter 3:18- “For Christ also died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust, in order that he might bring us to God, having been put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit.”

I Corinthians 15:16-18- "For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless; you are still in your sins."

3. What are we to do? *Luke 9:23-27*

A Christian or disciple is one who turns from their sin and turns to Jesus as Savior (repentance—*Matthew 4:17*), trusts (believes—*John 3:16*) in Who Jesus is and What He has done, and commits to follow Jesus as Lord in daily obedience (*Romans 10:9, Matthew 7:22,23*)

Jesus taught we must:

Sacrifice

Suffer

Surrender

Save (by giving it away)

(Be) Shamed (*Acts 5:41, Romans 1:16*)

So What... Did you pass?

(Only by God's grace *Ephesians 2:8-10*)

What was your take-away from Sunday?

(A particular point, challenge, encouragement, or question)

Getting Connected— Loving Christ

A possible interesting question to start your group-

If you asked the average person at your job, neighborhood, or school, "Who is Jesus Christ?" what would they say?

Going Further— Growing in Christ

1. Start working on this familiar memory verse.

Luke 9:23- "And He was saying to them all, 'If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow Me.'"

Encourage people to use the weekly PT with God sheets and this week pray for Ron and Debbie Fuqua as they share Christ and help plant churches in Romania.

2. When (unless you are still investigating) and why did Jesus become more than just a name in the history books to you?
(*John 20:30,31*)

3. Why are people comfortable in seeing Jesus as simply a holy man or great moral teacher who might have done a few miracles?

What are they missing?

John 5:18; 14:6-9, II Corinthians 5:21