



Who Do You Say I Am?

Luke 9:18-27

THE BIG IDENTITY QUESTION (Luke 9:18-20)

PRINCIPLE #1: Your opinions about Jesus of Nazareth need to be well - informed.

❶ PUBLIC OPINION (vv.18-19)

- John the Baptist
- Elizah (cf. Malachi 4:5)
- Resurrected OT Prophet

❷ INFORMED OPINION (v. 20; cf. Matthew 16:16)

- You are the Messiah
- You are Divine

PRINCIPLE #2: Truly believing in Jesus as the Christ must lead to repentance & faith - surrender.

MYTH #1: Jesus is whoever you want Him to be.

TRUTH #1: Jesus Christ is exactly who the Bible reveals Him to be.

MYTH #2: God wants you to be comfortable.

TRUTH #2: Following Jesus Christ requires commitment, sacrifice & risk... but it is so worth it!

THREE DIFFERENT LEVELS OF FAITH:

- Level One: I believe in following Jesus enough to benefit from following Him.
- Level Two: I believe in following Jesus enough to contribute comfortably to Him.
- Level Three: I believe in Jesus enough to give my life to Him.

MYTH #3: I can follow Jesus in secret.

TRUTH #3: We are commanded to tell people we are following Jesus.

MYTH #4: Pay day for following Jesus is now.

TRUTH #4: The real reward for following Jesus will come in eternity.

CORRECTING FAULTY THINKING (Luke 9:21-26)

- Jesus prophetically predicted that He must...
 - ❶ Suffer
 - ❷ Be Rejected
 - ❸ Be Murdered
 - ❹ Raise from the Dead
- Jesus presents the true cost of discipleship as...
 - ❶ Denying of self
 - ❷ Daily cross bearing
 - ❸ Following Jesus wherever He leads
 - ❹ Surrendering your life to His cause
 - ❺ Publicly acknowledging loyalty to Him

UNUSUAL PROMISE (Luke 9:27)

LifeGroup Questions - Doing Life Together

Week of November 4-10, 2018



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Sermons can be viewed online at creeksideeg.com/sermon

Questions are based on the NIV translation of the Bible

PRAYER

Begin by asking God to guide your time together. Ask Him to help you learn how to deny yourself, pick up your cross daily, and follow Him.

MY STORY

1. Have you ever been out in public and seen a famous person? If so, who was it, and did you talk with them? Explain.

DIGGING DEEPER

2. What principle, insight, or point from Sunday's message really caught your attention? Why?
3. Read **Luke 9:18-19**. Why do you think Jesus asked His disciples the question, "Who do the crowds say that I am?"
4. What are some of the false identities that you have heard non-Christians attribute to Jesus today? Why is each one false?
5. Why do you think that Jesus followed up His first question with the question, "Who do you say that I am?"
6. Who do you say that Jesus is, and how has your view of His identity changed in the last few years? Explain.
7. What may have been some possible reasons why Jesus told His disciples not to reveal His true identity? Check all that apply.
 - ☐ The demons had already revealed who Jesus was (Luke 8:28).
 - ☐ Revealing His true identity would make it even more difficult to travel or be alone with His disciples.
 - ☐ People had a jaded, political concept of "Messiah" and Jesus needed time to redefine expectations.

- ☐ Revealing His true identity would encourage crowds to try to take Him by force to be their king.
- ☐ Jesus wanted to give people time to come to their own conclusions.
- ☐ Jesus was secretly planning a huge publicity campaign to shout the news to all of Israel.
- ☐ It was not yet the proper time. But that time would come soon enough.
- ☐ Other _____

8. Read **Luke 9:21-22**. How do you think the disciples reacted to Jesus sharing about His upcoming suffering, death, and resurrection? (Hint: Read **Matthew 16:21-22**)
9. Read **Luke 9:23**. In this verse, Jesus gave some strict requirements for those who choose to follow Him. Review these requirements (see Sermon Notes – The True Cost of Discipleship), and talk about what each of these means to you?
10. Read **Luke 9:24-26**. These are strong words! Give some examples of how people may "lose it all" while trying to "gain it all" ... or tend to publicly disassociate with Jesus because of the cost involved.

DIGGING EVEN DEEPER

11. Read each account of the lesson below. Which account is the clearest to you and gives the greatest summary of the event? Why?
Matthew 16:13-20

Mark 8:27-9:1

Luke 9:18-27

TAKING IT HOME

12. Based on this lesson, are there any changes you need to make? If so, what can you do this week to begin making these changes?

PRAYING TOGETHER

Pray for the needs of your group and ask God to increase your commitment level to live for Him and to share about Him when He opens doors of opportunity.