

COMMUNITY GROUP STUDY GUIDE**The King & His Cross**

LUKE 9:18-27

OVERVIEW

Luke is the longest and most comprehensive of the four Gospels, presenting Jesus as the Perfect Man who came to save sinful men. Growing belief and growing opposition develop side by side. Those who believe his claims are challenged to count the cost of discipleship; those who oppose him will not be satisfied until the Son of Man hangs lifeless on a cross. But the resurrection ensures that his ministry of seeking and saving the lost will continue through his disciples once they have been equipped with the indwelling Holy Spirit. Luke reveals that Jesus is the King, and he has come to inaugurate his Kingdom. (Adapted from *Talk Through the Bible*).

APPLY // LUKE 9:1-17

1. Read Luke 9:1-17.
2. Are there particular aspects of Jesus' character that stand out to you in these verses? How might this move your affections to praise Jesus?
3. Where do we tend to look for security and/or satisfaction other than in Jesus? Why do we look to these things? What's good in them? Ultimately, how do they fail us and point us to Jesus who never fails us?

OBSERVE & INTERPRET // LUKE 9:18-27

Study the passage of Scripture aiming to faithfully interpret and apply what you observe. Remember we study God's word not just to increase our knowledge, but to increase our trust in and treasuring of Jesus Christ.

Overview/Big Idea: Jesus is the Christ, who came to die that through dying to self we might live.

1. Read Luke 9:18-27.
2. In verse 18, what does Jesus first ask the disciples? Who are the crowds? What do you notice about the disciples' response? Why might Jesus be mistaken for the people mentioned in this verse?
3. What is Jesus' second question for the disciples? How are the questions similar? How are the questions different?
4. Why do you think Jesus asked a general question in verse 18 before his next personal and specific question in verse 20?
5. How does Peter respond to Jesus' question? What does his response mean?
6. What does Jesus do in verse 21? Why do you think he did this?
7. Notice that Jesus says, "The Son of Man must suffer..." What does that word "must" tell us about who Jesus is and what he came to accomplish?
8. Why does Jesus reveal this truth to his disciples?

9. In verse 23, what three things must a person do to become a follower of Jesus? What do each of these mean?
 10. What does the word “anyone” in verse 23 and repetition of “whoever” in verses 24 and 26 tell us about the scope of Jesus words? Also, notice the word “daily.” How does that word inform Jesus’ commands?
 11. What do you think Jesus means by “whoever would save his life” in verse 24? What does it mean for one to try to “save his life”? What does it mean that if we save our life we lose it?
 12. What do you think Jesus means by “whoever loses their life for my sake” in verses 24? How does this “save” our lives?
 13. Notice how verse 25 and 26 begin with “For.” Jesus is building an argument of sorts. Discuss his line of thought from these two verses thinking about how they support what Jesus said in verse 24.
 14. In verse 27, what do you think he meant by “see[ing] the kingdom of God”? How does this statement fit the what Jesus has previously said in these verses?
- General Bible study questions:
 - **God:** What does this passage teach me about the character of God?
 - **Humanity:** What does this passage teach me about myself and my need for God?
 - **Christ:** How does this passage teach me that God has met my needs in the person and work of Jesus Christ?
 - **Response:** How should I respond with my affections and my actions?
 - **God:** How does this passage help me hope in heaven?

ACCOUNTABILITY

Relationships developed and deepened during accountability provide regular encouragement, and when necessary admonition, to spur each other on to delight in the supremacy of Jesus Christ. Ask one another heart-probing, clarifying questions, and help each other apply the gospel to your lives.

QUESTION: Are you satisfied in Christ?