



NOTES FOR FURTHER STUDY

Supplemental Texts

Ex. 16:10; 24:15-17; 33:9-10; Lev. 23:42; Num. 9:15-23; Due. 17:15; 18:15-18; 24:12-18; 34:5-6; 1 Kings 8:10-11; 2 Chro. 5:13-14; 10:3-4; Pss. 2:7; Isa. 42:1-9; Mal. 4:5-6; Matt. 17:1-13; 26:43; Mark 9:2-13; Luke 3:21-22; 5:5; 8:51; 24:44-49; Heb. 11:22; 1 Pet. 1:15

Study Summary

Chapter nine marks an important transition in the Gospel of Luke as focus shifts from Jesus and His identity, to the mission He has come to accomplish on the cross. This passage relates the Transfiguration of Jesus, when He was displayed in all His glory to His faithful disciples. Sadly, the disciples failed to recognize Jesus for who He is (the unique Son of God), and they misunderstood the mission He came to accomplish (His sacrificial death on the cross).

Historical & Theological Background

The Two Men: There are three main interpretations as to why Moses and Elijah appear to Jesus on the mountain. A combination of all three seems likely: 1. Moses is a representative of the Law of God and Elijah is a representative of the promises of God in the Prophets. The two appear to Jesus, revealing that He fulfills both the Law and the Prophets and is God's final and ultimate revelation. 2. Figures like Moses and Elijah are promised to appear again (Due. 18:15-18; Mal. 4:5-6) 3. Moses and Elijah both had unique departures from earth (Due. 34:5-6; 2 Kings 2:11-12) and encountered God's glory (Due. 24:12-18; 1 Kings 19:8-18).

Departure: Verse 31 uses the Greek word ἔξοδος, which carries the meaning of departure, death, or exodus. Heb. 11:22 uses the same word to refer to the exodus of Israel from Egypt. It is very likely that Luke used this word to draw a connection to the Exodus story, revealing how Jesus' death is our ultimate exodus from the enemies of sin, death, and the devil.

The Shelters: It is unclear why Peter suggests making tents for Jesus, Moses, and Elijah. There could be some connection to the Festival of Tabernacles (Lev. 23:42), but it is possible that Peter just wanted to erect the shelters to extend the glorious moment. What Peter did not realize is that before God's Kingdom comes in all its glory there is the cross and the mission of the Church.

DISCUSSION PRIMER

Take some time this week to read Luke 9:28-36 slowly and prayerfully. Ask yourself these questions: What does it mean that Christ fulfills all God's laws and promises? What have been some important moments in my faith journey? What does it mean for me today to listen to Jesus? Come to group ready to discuss.

TEXTUAL INVESTIGATION

LUKE 9:28-36

**Big Idea: God's Glory Is Most Fully Revealed In Christ**

**Fallen Condition Focus: Misunderstanding and Lack of Awareness**

- What took place in the previous text (28)? (See Luke 9:18-27)
- Who appears and speaks with Jesus (30)? Why? (See Due. 18:15-18; Mal. 4:5-6 & HTB)
- What do the three talk about (31)? What is Jesus' "departure"? (See HTB)
- What are the disciples doing at this point (32)? How does Peter respond when he witnesses what is going on (33)? (See HTB)
- What "overshadows" the group (34)? What OT stories does this connect with? (See Ex. 24:15-18; 1 Kings 8:10-11)
- What does God say from the cloud (35)? What other passages does this echo? (See Pss. 2:7; Luke 3:21-22; Due. 18:15-18)
- Why does Luke end by noting that Jesus was "found alone" (36)? (See HTB)

**Gospel Connection:** Read Luke 24:44-49. How is Jesus the fulfillment of all the promises of God?

TEXTUAL INTERSECTION: How does the text intersect with our lives?

- How does the culture around us define Jesus? A good teacher? A moral guide? A revolutionary? How might we speak to them about His true identity and mission?
- Do you take time to meditate on the work of Christ? Why or why not? How might your life look different if you spent time meditating on His love each day?
- What does it *daily* mean for you that Christ fulfills all God's laws and promises?
- Share a time you misunderstood/failed to recognize what God was doing. What did you learn from this experience? Where did you see God's faithfulness displayed?
- Have you ever tried to extend a worshipful moment (33)? Why are "mountain top" experiences important in our faith journey? Why are they not all important?
- God tells the disciples to listen to Jesus (35). How might you walk in great obedience? What areas of your life fail to align with His identity and mission?

REPLICABLE QUESTIONS

Read Luke 9:28-36 and explore together what the passage reveals about:

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| 1) The character and purposes of God? | 4) Our identity in Christ?    |
| 2) The fallen human condition?        | 5) Our obedience to Christ?   |
| 3) The gospel of Jesus Christ?        | 6) Our relationship to others |

TEXTUAL APPLICATION: "So, what now?"

Have each participant identify a personal take-away in light of this study. Is there . . .

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| • a command to obey?  | • a beauty to behold?  | • a mission to fulfill? |
| • a promise to claim? | • a truth to believe?  | • an example to follow? |
| • a sin to repent of? | • a service to render? | • a person to tell?     |