**Luke 9**

Sunday Bible Class 2025

**Jesus Sends Out the Twelve and Herod’s Response + Luke 9:1-9**

Jesus gave the 12 apostles the power to cast out demons, heal the sick, and preach. Why did Christ send the apostles to do these things? Should we expect all Christians to do these kinds of ‘miracles’ today? Why or why not?

Why did Jesus send the apostles without any provisions for their journey? Are these instructions something that we should expect every Christian to follow? Why or why not?

If Jesus’ instructions aren’t meant for us to follow, how do they relate or apply to us today?

Luke doesn’t give all the details that led to John the Baptist’s execution (see Matthew 14:1-12; Mark 6:14-29). But by this point, John was already beheaded. What question about Jesus is asked in Luke 9:7-9 and how does this question relate to Luke 8?

**Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand + Luke 9:10-17**

Before feeding the five thousand, Jesus shows Himself to be a “shepherd” of sorts by caring for His people. What things does Jesus do in verses 10-11 that demonstrate His love and care for His people?

Why does Jesus tell His disciples to give the people something to eat? (verse 13) Notice that Jesus doesn’t give the bread and fish to the people Himself. Instead, He gives them to the disciples to distribute. How does this relate to the pastoral office and the ministry of the Church?

Jesus *took* the bread and fish, *blessed* them, *broke* the loaves, and *gave* them to the disciples to set before the crowd (verse 16). What does this remind us of later in Luke’s Gospel? (See Luke 22:19)

What does the feeding of the five thousand teach us about the ways Christ provides for us?

**Peter’s Confession, First Passion Prediction, Take Up Your Crosses + Luke 9:18-27**

Jesus’ identity is a major theme in all four Gospels. In the previous chapter of Luke’s Gospel, the disciples ask, “Who then is this…?” And a demon (Legion) calls Jesus the “Son of the Most High God.” What does Peter confess about Jesus in Luke 9:20? How did Peter arrive at this conclusion?

Why does Jesus teach His disciples about His death and resurrection immediately after Peter’s confession? What does the title “Son of Man” indicate about Jesus?

What’s the meaning of Jesus’ words in verse 23? How do they apply to us today?

What event is Jesus referring to in verse 26? And what is Jesus talking about in verse 27, especially the phrase “kingdom of God?”

**The Transfiguration + Luke 9:27-36**

Luke tells us that the Transfiguration happened “about eight days” after what Jesus said in verses 23-27. Matthew and Mark say that it happened “after six days” (Matthew 17:1; Mark 9:2). How do we make sense of the discrepancy between the Gospel accounts?

What were Moses and Elijah talking about with Jesus? What’s the significance of the word “departure” (ESV) in verse 31?

Why did Peter offer to make three “tents” for Jesus, Moses, and Elijah? What’s the problem(s) with Peter’s suggestion?

There’s a certain ‘order’ to life in God’s Kingdom (see verses 21-27). What is the proper order of things and how did Peter misunderstand it?

**Jesus Heals a Boy with an Unclean Spirit, Second Passion Prediction + Luke 9:37-45**

The man in this passage tells Jesus that the demon-possessed boy is his “only child” (verse 38). Why might this detail be especially significant to Jesus?

Who do you think Jesus has in mind with his question in verse 41? How do these words apply to us?

In verse 42, St. Luke tells us that Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, etc. But in verse 43, he says that everyone was astonished at the “majesty of God.” As in the previous chapter (8:39) what point is Luke subtly making here?

Why do you think that the saying about Jesus’ death was “concealed from [the disciples]?” When did the disciples finally understand what Jesus was teaching them?

**Who Is the Greatest, Anyone Not Against Us Is For Us + Luke 9:46-50**

Why is it surprising that a little child is Jesus’ standard for greatness?

It wasn’t a problem for Jesus when somebody besides Him and His disciples was casting out demons in His name. When might it become a problem for someone to be teaching, preaching, and/or doing miracles in Jesus’ name?

**A Samaritan Village Rejects Jesus + Luke 9:51-56**

What’s the big deal with Luke 9:51? Why didn’t the Samaritans receive Jesus?

What Old Testament event might James and John have in mind in verse 54?

**The Cost of Following Jesus + Lile 9:57-62**

Why do you think that Jesus seems so unkind in this passage? What’s the point of Jesus’ answers to the three people he talks to in these verses?