

Follow Me — and I Will Make You Fishers

(A Journey Through the Gospel of Luke)

“Who Do You Say That I Am?”

Luke 9

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Big Idea

Clear allegiance to Jesus produces a clear and compelling witness.

Disciple-Making Focus

Clear allegiance leads to clear witness.

I. A Confused View of Jesus Leads to _____

(Luke 9:7-9)

“Who is this I hear such things about?” (Luke 9:9)

Key Truth:

An unclear view of Jesus will always produce an unstable faith.

II. A Clear Revelation of Jesus Demands a _____

(Luke 9:18-20)

“Who do the crowds say that I am?” (Luke 9:18)

“But what about you... who do YOU say that I am?” (Luke 9:20)

Key Truth:

When you see Jesus clearly, you cannot remain neutral—you must respond personally.

III. A True Understanding of Jesus Leads to a Life of _____

and _____ (Luke 9:23-26, 28-36)

“Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves, take up their cross daily, and follow me.” (Luke 9:23)

“For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will save it.” (Luke 9:24, NIV)

Key Truth:

When Jesus is clearly seen as Lord, surrender becomes natural and witness becomes inevitable.

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Small Group Questions — Week 9

Series: Follow Me — and I Will Make You Fishers

Week 9 Title: Who Do You Say That I Am?

Text: Luke 9

Start Here — Reflective Question

Have you ever had a moment where something suddenly became clear to you—something you had misunderstood or only partially understood before?

What changed once you saw it clearly?

(Allow a few moments for people to share briefly.)

Read the Passage

Have someone read one or more of the following sections aloud before discussion:

- Luke 9:7–9 (Herod’s confusion about Jesus)
- Luke 9:18–27 (Peter’s confession and the call to follow)
- Luke 9:28–36 (The Transfiguration)

Discussion Questions

1. In Luke 9:7–9, people had many different opinions about who Jesus was.

Why do you think there was so much confusion about Jesus then?

Where do you see similar confusion about Jesus in our culture today?

2. Jesus asks, “Who do YOU say that I am?” (Luke 9:20)

Why is this question so personal and important?

How would you answer that question today—and what has shaped your answer?

3. Peter declares that Jesus is “God’s Messiah.”

What does it practically mean to believe that Jesus is not just Savior, but also Lord?

What areas of life are hardest to fully surrender to Him?

4. In Luke 9:23, Jesus calls His followers to deny themselves and take up their cross daily.

What do you think that looks like in everyday life?

What is one area where God may be inviting you into deeper surrender right now?

5. The disciples see Jesus’ glory at the Transfiguration (Luke 9:28–36).

How does a clearer view of who Jesus is change the way we live and speak?

Why do you think clarity about Jesus leads to boldness in sharing Him?

6. Throughout Luke 9, we see a connection between confusion, clarity, and faith.

How does an unclear view of Jesus affect someone’s faith and decisions?

What helps you keep your view of Jesus clear and centered?

Disciple-Making Connection

The sermon emphasized: *Clear allegiance to Jesus leads to a clear and compelling witness.*

Where would you say your allegiance to Jesus is strongest right now?

Where might it still be unclear or divided?

Who is one person in your life who needs a clearer picture of who Jesus is?

What is one simple, practical step you can take this week to point them to Him?

Close Together

Pray that God would give you a clearer and deeper understanding of who Jesus truly is.

Ask Him to reveal any areas where your allegiance is divided and give you the courage to fully surrender.

Pray for boldness to live and speak in a way that clearly points others to Jesus.