

GOD'S MESSIAH

Luke 9:18-27

Key verse: 20

Discussion questions:

- What does making a personal confession of Christ mean in living a life as a disciple of Jesus?
- How can we live a life of self-denial and carrying one's cross to follow Jesus?

Inductive study questions:

1. What might Jesus prayed for himself and for his disciples? (18, 51; Mt 16:17) What did Jesus ask his disciples? (19) How does this compare to people's view of Jesus today? Why did Jesus ask his disciples this second question about their personal view of him? (19a) What does "God's Messiah" mean? (2:11)
2. What did Jesus warn his disciples about? (21) Why? How is it be shocking for the disciples to hear about what the Messiah must do? (22) Why is it important for Jesus to say this now?
3. What must a disciple of Jesus do? (23) What does it mean to deny oneself? To take up one's cross daily? To follow Jesus? What does it mean to you to follow Jesus in this way?
4. What do Jesus' disciples gain in following him? (24) Why would a person want to gain the whole world? (25) Why would some people be ashamed of Jesus? What are some things some people might be ashamed of? (26) What should we see in living a life of following Jesus? (27)