

Peter's Confession of Christ - Luke 9:18-27

Topics: Beliefs, Confession, Kingdom of God/Heaven, Prophecy, Sacrifice, Shame, Suffering, Witnessing

Open It

1. What are some of the roles you fill at home, work, and in your community?
- * 2. When have you made a sacrifice for the sake of someone else?
3. In what do you take the most pride? Why?

Explore It

4. What was Jesus doing when He was alone with His disciples? (9:18)
5. What was Jesus' series of questions? (9:18, 20)
6. Who did the crowd think Jesus was? (9:19)
7. Who spoke up when Jesus brought up the question of His identity? (9:20)
8. What was Jesus' reaction to the statement by Peter? (9:21)
9. What kind of future did Jesus predict for Himself? (9:22)
10. How often is our allegiance to Christ demanded? (9:23)
- * 11. What are the conditions for discipleship with Jesus? (9:23)
- * 12. What kind of commitment does discipleship require? (9:24-25)
13. What did Jesus say would happen to anyone who is ashamed of Him and His words? (9:26)
- * 14. With what prediction did Jesus conclude His admonition to the disciples? (9:27)

Get It

15. How would you answer Jesus today if He asked, "Who do crowds say I am?"
16. In what situations would you be uncomfortable stating plainly that Jesus is the Christ of God?
17. Why do you suppose that Jesus strictly warned His disciples not to tell anyone about His heavenly identity?
18. In what ways do we behave as if we are not to tell anybody who Jesus is?
- * 19. What celebrities recently seem to have "gained the whole world" yet lost or forfeited their very selves?
- * 20. In what ways can you lose your life for Jesus?
21. What might it feel like to have the Son of Man ashamed of us?

Apply It

22. What situations this week might call for you to speak out about Jesus' identity?
23. How can you pray this week to help you talk about Jesus with others?
- * 24. With whom can you pray this week for the purpose of denying yourself and following Jesus?