

Notes from Today's Lesson:

Following the Savior

1. Luke 9:18-20 — Many have no idea who Jesus is, but Peter answers by the wisdom of the Holy Spirit calling Jesus the Christ, the Savior sent by God.
2. Luke 9:21-22 — Jesus demonstrates what it looks like to follow God by taking on the mission of being the Messiah, the Savior of the world.
3. Luke 9:27-35 — They see Jesus' glory and are amazed. God the Father calls Jesus the Chosen One and commands them to listen to Him.
4. Luke 9:23-26 — Jesus tells the people that a life following Him begins by trusting him over ourselves, choosing to follow Him as our leader, and focusing on His kingdom.
5. Luke 9:46-48 — Jesus' disciples don't get the idea of changing their focus from themselves to God, and instead argue who is the greatest.
6. Luke 9:59-62 — A follower of Jesus cannot cling to the past and succeed at following Him. We need to keep God's plan in view, trusting He is guiding us and giving us the strength to succeed.

Devotional #1: Jesus the Christ

Many struggle with who Jesus is.

Read Luke 9:18-20

What are some of the guesses people made in this passage about who Jesus is?

Peter's response, while more accurate, is still incomplete because of his view of what "The Christ of God" means.

Read Mark 8:27-33

Peter, like many of the Jews, was looking for a Savior from God who would conquer their enemies and set up His Kingdom on earth.

What does Jesus say in Mark 8:31 is His role as "The Christ of God"?

We need to understand that Jesus, in order to be our true Messiah (Savior), had to come, suffer, and die to save us from our sins. Peter didn't want to hear that Jesus had to die, because he didn't have his mind set on God's plan. He was focused on his own plan, which would not have solved his sin issue.

Do you trust in Jesus as the Christ, the one who had to suffer and die for your sin, and in three days rise again?

Devotional #2: Trusting

Leads to Following

What do you think it means to follow Jesus?

Read Luke 9:23-26

Jesus challenges us to deny ourselves, or to stop focusing on ourselves. The only way we can do this is if we trust God will provide for us.

What does Jesus say is the cost of focusing on yourself above everything else?

What is the result of choosing to trust Jesus as your Savior and Lord (leader you trust to follow) over selfishly focusing and living for yourself?

Read Mark 10:17-22

What did the man want in this passage?

When Jesus challenged him to give up his possessions, trust Jesus, and follow Him, what did the man choose to do?

Is there anything in your life that you focus on or desire that is keeping you from fully trusting Jesus and following Him?

You need to remember God loves you, cares about you, and will take care of you. Let go of any selfish desires; instead, trust and follow Jesus, keeping your focus on God's kingdom.

Grace Kids Devotional:

This is an opportunity for you to go home and continue to learn about the lesson taught in Children's Church. The three devotionals are designed to connect to this week's lesson.

The Challenge:

Complete all three devotionals either as a family or by yourself. If you are by yourself, you will need to write down your answers to verify you did the devotional.

Have your parent or guardian sign below, verifying you completed each devotional. Each devotional is to be done on a separate date (for example, Monday, Thursday, and Saturday).

The Reward:

Return this portion of your notes to Children's Church on the following Sunday and you will receive one Grace Buck per devotional (so you can earn up to 3 Grace Bucks for doing all three)

(Week of July 12)

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Devotional #1

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature

Devotional #2

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature

Devotional #3

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Devotional #3: Strength to Face Challenges

Jesus never promises an easy, pain free life. Instead, He clearly demonstrates that life will have challenges.

Read Luke 9:57-58

What does Jesus give as an example of some challenges He faces?

Jesus isn't commanding us to follow Him on our own and by our own ability/power.

Read Philippians 4:10-13

What are some challenges Paul faced?

As Paul continues to follow Jesus, how does he make it through the many challenges?

We need to realize following Jesus is not simple, but hard. We also need to trust in Jesus for strength to not only survive in this life, but to thrive as we follow Him.

God loves you, and if you trust Him as your Lord and Savior, He will give you the strength/power to follow Him each day.



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Luke 9***

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