

Good News, Great Joy, All People
What It Really Means to Follow Jesus
Luke 9:21-26
Growth Group Discussion Guide

1. Read Luke 9:18-26 and discuss the following:

- How would you describe the scene given to us in Luke 9:18?
- What question did Jesus ask His disciples in verse 18?
- Why do you think that Jesus wanted to keep this quiet (Luke 9:20-22)?
- How is what Jesus says in verse 24 connected to what was said in 23?
- What does it mean to ‘take up his cross (Luke 9:23)
- How can a person be ashamed of Jesus or His words (Luke 9:26)?
- As you look back at the text, what does this say about God and His Character?
- What does the text say about mankind?
- Take a look at the text again. How does this text change the way I relate to others?

Application

1. Who do you believe Jesus is? What you truly believe might be different than what you say. What you say will influence how you respond to Him and His words.
2. What is your cross? Do you take it up daily? Share how you practically do that in your daily life.
3. Many people including many evangelists do not tell people the implications of following Jesus? Why? What happens as a result? Would you say that most professing Christians know this? How do you handle it?

Prayer

Take a moment to share, and pray for any other needs that exist among your group members.