

Sermon Notes | **with** - Luke 9:1-50

Luke 9:1-6: You are Called to Proclaim the Kingdom

And he **called** the twelve together and gave them **power and authority** over all demons and to cure diseases, ² and he sent them out to **proclaim** the kingdom of God and to **heal**.

Luke 9:10-17: You are Called to Satisfy Needs from a Place of Insufficiency

¹³ But he said to them, "**You give them something to eat.**" ... ¹⁶ And taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing over them. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. ¹⁷ **And they all ate and were satisfied.** And what was left over was picked up, twelve baskets of broken pieces.

Luke 9:18-20: You are Called to Accept that Jesus is God

¹⁸ Now it happened that as he was praying alone, the disciples were with him. And he asked them, "Who do the crowds say that I am?" ¹⁹ And they answered, "John the Baptist. But others say, Elijah, and others, that one of the prophets of old has risen."²⁰ Then he said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" And Peter answered, "The Christ of God."

We Have the Expectation of Glory and Power (Luke 9:20b)

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Historically, some Christians have used the gospel to seek glory and power:

- State power from the church
- Colonialism
- Slave trade
- Televangelist fame

Ways that we want power and glory now:

- Social dominance orientation (SDO),
- Health and wealth
- Reputation and status
- Ministry success

Big Idea: The Glory that Christians Receive Comes Later.

Jesus Subverts the Expectation of Glory and Power (Luke 9:21-27)

²¹ And he strictly charged and commanded them to tell this to no one, ²² saying, "The **Son of Man must suffer** many things and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and **be killed**, and on the third day **be raised.**"

²³ And he said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him **deny himself** and take up his **cross daily** and **follow me**. ²⁴ For whoever would **save** his life will **lose** it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it. ²⁵ For what does it profit a man if he gains the **whole world** and loses or forfeits himself? ²⁶ For whoever is **ashamed** of me and of my words, of him will the Son of Man be ashamed when he comes in his glory and the glory of the Father and of the holy angels. ²⁷ But I tell you truly, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the kingdom of God."

1. Deny yourself:

- Sexual desire
- Money desire
- Status desire
- Comfort desire
- Entitlement desires

2. Take up your cross daily.

I came to bring
God to the slum;
But I am dumb,
Dismayed;
Betrayed
By those
Whom I would aid;
Pressed down,
So sad
I fear
That I am mad.

—*Toyohiko Kagawa*

3. Follow Jesus.

Jesus Gives Us Glimpses of Future Glory (Luke 9:28–36)

²⁸ Now about eight days after these sayings he took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹ And **as he was praying**, the appearance of his **face was altered**, and his clothing became **dazzling white**. ³⁰ And behold, two men were talking with him, **Moses and Elijah**, ³¹ who appeared in glory and **spoke of his departure**, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.

"For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison." 2 Corinthians 4:17

³⁴ As he was saying these things, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. ³⁵ And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "**This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to him!**" ³⁶ And when the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and told no one in those days anything of what they had seen.

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Discussion Guide | **with** - Luke 9:1–50

Read Luke 9:18–20

- The Jewish disciples expected a political Messiah.
What expectations did you bring when you first came to Christ? What did you believe He would do for you?
- In what ways are you still tempted to pursue glory, comfort, or recognition in this life?

Read Luke 9:21–27

- Jesus suffered, was rejected, and died.
How have you experienced suffering, rejection, or “death to self” because of your faith?
- Where is God asking you to deny yourself right now?
(Habits, desires, priorities, relationships, rhythms, etc.)
- What are some specific practices you can take on this month to “take up your cross daily”?

Read Luke 9:28–36

- What is the “hope of glory” for Christians?
(New creation, resurrection, seeing Christ fully, sharing His life.)
- Where have you seen glimpses of that glory in your life now—answered prayer, transformation, worship, healing, growth, or God’s presence?