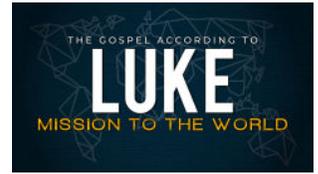


Community Group Discussion Guide

Sunday, July 16, 2023

Scripture: Luke 9:18-22



THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

Jesus is the son of God who came to redeem humanity by defeating sin through the suffering of the cross.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION *(Use along with Reading: Ante Faciem Dei)*

- What text precedes this passage, and how do they connect?
- Why was it necessary for Jesus to get alone and pray? Do you take time for solitude and prayer?
- Give some ways the world identifies Jesus. Whom did Jesus claim to be, and how did he validate his claims?
- How did Peter respond to Jesus' question (verse 20; Matthew 16:17)? What does the title "Christ" mean? How did Peter and anyone who surrenders to Jesus arrive at this truth (Matthew 11:27; 2 Corinthians 4:5-6)?
- Explain the difference between knowing the truth about Jesus and seeing him as glorious.
- Why did Jesus command the disciples not to tell others (verse 22)? What didn't they yet understand about the messiah (verse 22)?
- What route *must* Jesus take to redeem humanity from sin and receive all authority in heaven and earth (Daniel 7:13-14; Isaiah 53:5-10)? Why?
- Have you trusted Jesus? Who