

FINAL STUDY NOTES - LUKE Chapter 9 3-3/4-2025

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OPENING PRAYER

***LUKE – Chapter 9* continues with Jesus establishing His authority, ending His Galilean Ministry! – Sending out the Twelve – (vs. 1-6); Herod Seeks to See Jesus – (vs. 7-9); Feeding the Five Thousand – (vs. 10-17); Peter Confesses Jesus as the Christ – (vs. 18-20); Jesus Predicts His Death and Resurrection – (vs. 21-22); Take up the Cross and Follow Him – (vs. 23-26); Jesus Transfigured on the Mount – (vs. 27-36); A Boy is Healed – (vs. 37-42); Jesus Again Predicts His Death– (vs. 43-45); Who is the Greatest?– (vs. 46-48); Jesus Forbids Sectarianism – (vs. 49-50); A Samaritan Village Rejects the Savior (vs. 51-56); The Cost of Discipleship – (vs. 57-62).**

Jesus Sends Out the Twelve Apostles - Luk 9:1-2 *Then He called His twelve disciples together and gave them power* (*dunamis*- spiritual ability, miraculous power) *and authority* (*exousia* – right to exercise the power) *over all demons, and to cure diseases. [2] He sent them to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick.*

- **Calling together the twelve, Jesus is entering into the final six months of His ministry.** He will now be making His way towards Jerusalem, setting His face, knowing that He will be offered up as a sacrifice for man's sins. He sends His disciples out with power and authority over the demonic spirits. He commissions them to proclaim the kingdom of God. Their healing ministry was to authenticate their preaching ministry! The fact that His disciples exercised that healing power showed that He was the Messiah, who could bring in the Kingdom!
- **Jesus began His ministry with the words, (Mat 4:17)** *"Repent: for the kingdom of God is at hand."* Now He sends His disciples forth to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick. In the healing, they are in reality demonstrating a part of the kingdom of God.
- **They are an advance team that Jesus sends out to the areas where He will be going in order to prepare the hearts of the people for the coming King, for Jesus.**

Luk 9:3-5 *And He said to them, "Take nothing for the journey, neither staffs nor bag nor bread nor money; and do not have two tunics apiece. [4] "Whatever house you enter, stay there, and from there depart. [5] And whoever will not receive you, when you go out of that city, shake off the very dust from your feet as a testimony against them."*

- **It is interesting how that Jesus sent them forth.** He was sending them forth that they might learn lessons of faith and trust in God. You are to go out and just trust in the Lord, live by faith. That is a great way to live. It is good to know that God can and will supply your needs!
- **This thought of shaking the dust off their feet was sort of borrowing from the Jewish Rabbis.** Whenever they came back to the territory of Israel, they would stop at the borders, knocking the dust off. They did not want to bring any Gentile dust into Jewish territory.

Luk 9:6 *So they departed and went through the towns, preaching* (*euangelizō*) *the gospel and healing everywhere.*

- **Jesus had commanded them to go and to proclaim.** Two Greek words are involved here, one is to evangelize, the other is to just proclaim. They went around evangelizing in the towns as they evangelized the gospel.
- **And healing everywhere.** The gift of healing at this particular time was for authentication, given before Jesus died on the Cross.
- **Note that even Paul near the end of his ministry did not seem to avail himself of the gift of healing.** He authenticated in other ways. (1Ti 5:23) *No longer drink only water, but use a little wine for your stomach's sake and your frequent infirmities.* Why didn't Paul heal Trophimus? (2Ti 4:20) Erastus stayed in Corinth, but Trophimus I have left in Miletus sick.

Herod Is Perplexed by Jesus - Luk 9:7-8 *Now Herod the tetrarch heard of all that was done by Him; and he was perplexed, because it was said by some that John had risen from the dead, [8] and by some that Elijah had appeared, and by others that one of the old prophets had risen again.*

- **That is, Moses said (Deu 18:15)** *"The LORD your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your midst, from your brethren. Him you shall hear. That was a prophesy of the Messiah.*

Luk 9:9 *Herod said, "John I have beheaded, but who is this of whom I hear such things?" So he sought to see Him.*

- **Jesus did not go to Tiberias where Herod had his palace.** Jesus had really nothing to say to him. He called him a sly fox. When He was brought before Pilate to be judged, Pilate felt this dilemma because he knew Jesus was innocent.
- **Pilate heard that Herod was there for the Passover feast and so he sent Jesus to Herod.** Herod was delighted. He was wanting Jesus to do some kind of a miracle. But when Jesus stood before Herod, Jesus did not speak a word to him! Jesus only performed miracles to relieve or to aid the suffering. Never for display.

Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand, the only miracle, a climatic one, recorded in all four gospels! In many ways the final miracle to produce faith in the disciples.

Luk 9:10 *And the apostles, when they had returned, told Him all that they had done. Then He took them and went aside privately into a deserted place belonging to the city called Bethsaida.*

- A place of quietness, a place where He can go with His disciples. They have been on this mission. They have seen exciting things. Now, just to spend some quiet time with them in a deserted area.

Luk 9:11 But when the multitudes knew it, they followed Him; and He received them and spoke to them about the kingdom of God, and healed those who had need of healing.

- When they saw the little boat going across, they reckoned where He would be landing, and they ran around the upper part of Galilee. When Jesus arrived, thousands of people were waiting for them.
- *And He received them!* I love that. He received them. He did not say, "Go away, don't you know we've come over here to rest." He received them. He did not turn them away.

Luk 9:12-13 When the day began to wear away, the twelve came and said to Him, "Send the multitude away, that they may go into the surrounding towns and country, and lodge and get provisions; for we are in a deserted place here." [13] But He said to them, "You give them something to eat." And they said, "We have no more than five loaves and two fish, unless we go and buy food for all these people."

- Philip had already figured out it would take some two hundred denarii worth of bread to feed this multitude.

Luk 9:14-17 For there were about five thousand men. Then He said to His disciples, "Make them sit down in groups of fifty." [15] And they did so, and made them all sit down. [16] Then He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, He blessed and broke them, and gave them to the disciples to set before the multitude. [17] So they all ate and were filled (glutted), and twelve baskets (large, commercial baskets) of the leftover fragments were taken up by them. (one for each Apostle).

- **The miracle of the feeding of the five thousand.** So often when we see a great need we think what we have is so small in comparison to the need. We look at the needs and think what can we do? We have so little! But the little that we have in the hands of Jesus can provide for a multitude. The whole key is take what you have and give it to Him and watch Him multiply it. Watch Him use it! Watch Him minister through it to the needs!
- **An application for us when He calls us to a crisis! Remember this? When the crisis is great and your resources are low, He had already solved the problem! Do you believe this? Do you trust Him?**

Peter Confesses Jesus as the Christ - Luk 9:18 And it happened, as He was alone praying, that His disciples joined Him, and He asked them, saying, "Who do the crowds say that I am?"

- Though the disciples were there, He was praying to the Father alone. It was as though they were not there as far as His conversation with the Father. He was alone with the Father in conversation.
- **Have you ever thought that when Jesus prayed it really was not like when we pray?** When we pray, it is usually petitions that we are asking for from the Father. When Jesus prayed it was just more or less discussion as They were talking over the issues. Jesus did not have to go through a mediator but could directly speak to the Father at any time, just concerning the issues. No need for petitions.

Luk 9:19 So they answered and said, "John the Baptist, but some say Elijah; and others say that one of the old prophets has risen again."

- They answered what Herod had heard and what the common beliefs were that He was perhaps, John the Baptist; Maybe He is Elijah. Malachi had promised that Elijah would come before the Lord to prepare the hearts of the people. And maybe He was *one of the old prophets risen from the dead.*

Luk 9:20 He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered and said, "The Christ of God." (Peter's shining moment)

- **But who do you say that I am! Always the bottom line.** It is not what others are saying! What do you say about Him? What difference does it make? The difference between life and death!
- **Who do you say that He is? Is He the only begotten Son of God?** Is He God manifested in flesh? Is He the Savior of the world? You cannot just say that He was a good man, a moralist, a philosopher, without also acknowledging that He was the only begotten Son of God because He said He was!
- **If He is not the Son of God, He is a liar.** He is not just a great philosopher. If He is not the Son of God, then all that He said is meaningless. There is no truth. He said He was the truth. *Who do you say that He is?* Peter answered and said, The Christ of God!
- **The word Christ is our Anglicized form of the Greek word Christos, which is a translation of the Hebrew word, Mashiyach.** The word Christos and Mashiyach mean anointing or the Anointed One. The Messiah was to have a threefold office: prophet, priest, and king. It is interesting that both the priests and the kings were anointed for their offices.

- Peter is saying, “You are the Mashiyach of God.” You are the One! (*Isa 9:6-7a*) *For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. [7a] Of the increase of His government and peace There will be no end.* The eternal reign of God’s King, the Anointed One, the Mashiyach (מָשִׁיחַ)!

Jesus’ Upcoming Death - Luk 9:21 *And He strictly warned and commanded them to tell this to no one,*

- **Do not tell people.** The question is, **why?** When Peter said, You are the Messiah of God, he and the other disciples were thinking that He was going to rule the world in righteousness and in peace. They were thinking of subduing the nations and establishing this kingdom of God.
- **He began to tell them the other aspect of the Messiah that they did not understand** and had rejected in their mind. That He was going to be rejected and slain but would rise again the third day.

Luk 9:22 saying, "The Son of Man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day."

- **He told them four things about Himself.** 1) I am going to be rejected by the rulers. 2) I am **going to be slain**. 3) I am going to rise again. 4) I’m going **to come again in glory!** Those prophecies of the glorious reign of the Messiah will be fulfilled later, but not now.
- **Jesus is telling them that He is going to come again, in own glory and in His Father’s** and of the holy angels! Do not spread this around because people had the false concept of the Messiah. They were thinking of what the Messiah will do when He returns. But it was first necessary that our sins be forgiven on a righteous basis. He came, (*Joh 1:29b*) "*Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!*" He was to be God’s sacrifice for man’s sin. That is why Jesus said, *Tell this to no one!*"

Take Up Your Cross and Follow Jesus - Luk 9:23 *Then He said to them all, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me.*

- **Let him deny himself.** The three requirements. The denial of self, the self-life. Paul said (*Gal 2:20*) *I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.* I am living for Jesus Christ! The denial of self. (*Php 3:7-10*) *But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. [8] Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ, [9a] and be found in Him [10] that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death.*
- **The second thing Jesus said is, Take up His cross daily.** In the life of Jesus, the cross represented a full and complete surrendering of His will to that of the Father. It is the same thing in our lives. Taking up His cross is just that. It is saying, Father, not my will but Your will be done! It is submitting and surrendering myself fully and completely to the will of God. If you are going to follow Jesus, that is what you have to do.
- **The third thing He said is, Follow Me.** That to me is an exciting adventure, following Jesus Christ, because you never know where it will lead you. What an exciting adventure to just follow Him. It is a thrill. But then He sort of gave a rationale for it all.
- **Do I really desire to come after Him? What do the three requirements mean to you? Let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me!**

Luk 9:24 For whoever desires to save his life will lose it but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it.

- **If you live for yourself, you are going to lose it.** All that you gained, all of your efforts are going to be lost. But if you will just lose your life for Jesus, then you will really find out what living is all about!

Luk 9:25 For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and is himself destroyed or lost?

- **What is the secret desire of your heart?** What is your ambition, your goal? What advantage would it be to you if having that, you lost your own soul? If Satan would come to bargain for your soul, for what would you sell it? For what would you be willing to give your soul?
- **For what or how much would I be willing to sell my soul to Satan?**

Luk 9:26 For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words, of him the Son of Man will be ashamed when He comes in His own glory, and in His Father's, and of the holy angels.

- The declaration that He is coming again in glory, the glory of the Father, His glory.
- **Is Jesus going to be ashamed of me? Of You?**

Luk 9:27 But I tell you truly, there are some standing (Peter, John and James) here who shall not taste death till they see the kingdom of God."

- Some say that Jesus was declaring that those disciples that were there would see the kingdom of God coming in power and that Jesus was referring that they would not die before He came in glory. No, what Jesus was saying, is referring to the Transfiguration!
- (2Pe 1:16-18) *For we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ but were eyewitnesses of His majesty. [17] For He received from God the Father honor and glory when such a voice came to Him from the Excellent Glory: "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." [18] And we heard this voice which came from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain.*

The Transfiguration - Luk 9:28 Now it came to pass, about eight days after these sayings, that He took Peter, John, and James and went up on the mountain to pray.

- He relates this next event to what Jesus had just said.
- About eight days, Gentile reckoning, (Mat 17:1; Mar 9:2) say six days, Jewish reckoning!

Luk 9:29 As He prayed, the appearance of His face was altered, and His robe became white and glistening.

- That word glistening means flashing, like lightning flashes. His garments became flashing. His countenance was changed, like *metamorphous*, which is a change from within the body. It is what a chrysalis goes through when it becomes a caterpillar. The essential essence is the same but a different body.

Luk 9:30 And behold, two men talked with Him (possibly Rev 11:5-6), who were Moses and Elijah,

- Here is the representative head of the law, Moses. Here is the greatest of the prophets in the Old Testament, Elijah. They appear with Jesus there on the mount!

Luk 9:31 who appeared in glory and spoke of His decease (departure after His crucifixion) which He was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.

- They were talking about His pending crucifixion when He gets to Jerusalem. How that He is going to be dying in Jerusalem! A most interesting conversation.
- Then in (2Pe 1:19) *And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.* Peter is saying that I saw it! But I have something even more certain than what I saw and that is the word of God and the prophecies of the word of God! A more sure word, a testimony!

Luk 9:32-33 But Peter and those with him were heavy with sleep; and when they were fully awake, they saw His glory and the two men who stood with Him. [33] Then it happened, as they were parting from Him, that Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; and let us make three tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"—not knowing what he said.

- Peter, not knowing what he said. In (Mar 9:6a) because he did not know what to say, for they were greatly afraid. Not knowing what to say. If you do not know what to say, sometimes it is better to keep quiet. Peter is confused because acknowledging that Jesus is the Messiah of God and then having Jesus begin to talk His being rejected by the rulers—He is going to be crucified, going to be slain, third day He will rise again—Peter does not like that! He likes what he just saw. Let us stay here. Let us do not leave here. I do not like the thought of going to Jerusalem and dying, let us just stay here Lord.
- There are those experiences that we have, where the presence and glory of God becomes so real that we really do not want to leave. We want to just stay right there and bask in the glory of the experiences that we just had. But you cannot live forever on the mountaintop. There is a valley where people need the love and help of the Lord. We need to go down to minister to them.

Luk 9:34-36 While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were fearful as they entered the cloud. [35] And a voice (The Father's) came out of the cloud, saying, "This is My beloved Son. Hear Him!" [36] When the voice had ceased, Jesus was found alone. But they kept quiet, and told no one in those days any of the things they had seen.

- They kept it to themselves until after His resurrection. Then Peter wrote about it in his epistle.
- All three major events in the Bible; the Creation, Incarnation, and the Resurrection are done and attributed by all Three persons of the Trinity! "Elohim" a plural noun, used in a singular tense.

Jesus Heals a Boy with an Unclean Spirit - Luk 9:37-39 Now it happened on the next day, when they (Jesus with Peter, John and James) *had come down from the mountain, that a great multitude met Him. [38] Suddenly a man from the multitude cried out, saying, "Teacher, I implore You, look on my son, for he is my only child. [39] And behold, a spirit seizes him, and he suddenly cries out; it convulses him so that he foams at the mouth; and it departs from him with great difficulty, bruising him.*

- Some say this young man was afflicted with epileptic seizures, which is untrue. If true, this tragically would cause people to look at a person with epilepsy and saying that it is a demonic spirit. Epilepsy is a brain disorder, not demonic spirits. Yes, there were symptoms like epilepsy, but the Bible tells us that this was an evil spirit that had invaded this young man's body. There is no relationship between epileptic seizures and demon possession.

Luk 9:40 So I implored Your disciples to cast it out, but they could not."

- Here Jesus is on the mountain and Peter, John and James, having this fantastically glorious, heavenly experience. Jesus is transfigured. They see Him in glory! As they come down the hill, what do they find? The devil is waiting for them!
- Have you ever discovered that right after your great spiritual experiences, you are going to have an encounter with Satan? His whole purpose is to rob you of the joy and the glory of that experience!
- How many people after being baptized with the Holy Spirit have some of the greatest spiritual struggles they have ever known, as Satan comes and even challenges the experience, trying to rob you of the joy of it. So here, *I implored Your disciples to cast it out, but they could not!*
- Why? Studying this account in all three gospels, we find the disciples were lacking in their faith! (Mat 17:21) However, this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting."
- **How well can I relate to "lacking in faith?" Do I understand the relationship of spiritual discipline with faith?**

Luk 9:41-44 Then Jesus answered and said, "O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here." [42] And as he was still coming, the demon threw him down and convulsed him. Then Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the child, and gave him back to his father.

Jesus Again Foretells His Death [43] And they were all amazed at the majesty of God. But while everyone marveled at all the things which Jesus did, He said to His disciples, [44] "Let these words sink down into your ears, for the Son of Man is about to be betrayed into the hands of men."

- Let that sink in. The disciples still were not ready to accept that He was going to be crucified! That He was going to be rejected! They still had this Messianic concept of ruling and reigning, in which we are going to have positions of authority and power.

Luk 9:45-46 But they did not understand this saying, and it was hidden from them so that they did not perceive it; and they were afraid to ask Him about this saying. [46] Then a dispute arose among them as to which of them would be greatest.

- The disciples were still confused as to how Jesus, with His glorious power, could experience such a humiliating death! Nor were they able to understand the crowd's reaction to His miracles and His prediction that the nation would turn against Him and crucify Him!
- Note the next thing! Can you imagine? They are arguing as to who will be the greatest when He sets up His kingdom! No wonder He said, "O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you and bear with you?" This should be an encouragement to every one of us when we see the kind of men the Lord used to do His work. Look what He had to work with!
- Many times, we look at ourselves and ask, what can God do through me? What have I got? But when we look at Peter and some of the others that look a lot like me, I can think if God can use them, He can use me! So, others may say, If God can use them, He can sure use me!

Luk 9:47-48 And Jesus, perceiving the thought of their heart, took a little child and set him by Him, [48] and said to them, "Whoever receives this little child in My name receives Me; and whoever receives Me receives Him who sent Me. For he who is least among you all will be great."

- The path of greatness is taking the lesser place, the least. Whoever will be the least among you all will be great

Anyone Not Against Us Is For Us - Luk 9:49 Now John answered and said, "Master, we saw someone casting out demons in Your name, and we forbade him because he does not follow with us."

- **Here is the first attempt to develop a denomination.** We stopped him, Lord. I am sure, do not you know that John was looking for points and wanting the Lord to say, Well good boy, John.

Luk 9:50 But Jesus said to him, "Do not forbid him, for he who is not against us is on our side."

- **When Moses brought the seventy elders into the tabernacle** to receive the anointing of the Holy Spirit, (*Num 11:27b,29*) *And a young man ran and told Moses, and said, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." [29] Then Moses said to him, "Are you zealous for my sake? Oh, that all the LORD's people were prophets and that the LORD would put His Spirit upon them!"*
- **Let us not try to corral everything within our borders. Let us just rejoice** and say, God, bless them all. Oh, that every church in this community was teaching the word of God in a systematic way so that they could know how God blesses His word. If they are serving God and bringing people to Jesus Christ, let us rejoice! God deliver us and keep us from a carnal spirit.
- **Paul said (1Co 1:12-13)** *Now I say this, that each of you says, "I am of Paul," or "I am of Apollos," or "I am of Cephas," or "I am of Christ." [13] Is Christ divided?*
- **May God help us not to see ourselves as some exclusive little club** and everybody has to follow and march to our drumbeat. Not so. And may God ever keep us from that kind of a mental attitude. But let us always be able to rejoice in the moving of God's Spirit!

A Samaritan Village Rejects Jesus – Shift from Authentication to Acceptance of the Messiah.

Luk 9:51 Now it came to pass, when the time had come for Him to be received up, that He steadfastly set His face to go to Jerusalem,

- **When the time had come for Him to be received up!** That is the time for His crucifixion and to be received back into heaven. *Received up* is a reference to His ascending again to heaven after His resurrection.
- **He steadfastly set his face to go to Jerusalem. In His heart, the die is cast.** He is not going to stay on the mount of transfiguration nor to stay within the relative security of the Galilee. He is going to go to again the third day!

Luk 9:52 and sent messengers before His face. And as they went, they entered a village of the Samaritans, to prepare for Him.

- **They went in to get lodging and to prepare for Jesus** to spend the night in the Samaritan village.

Luk 9:53 But they did not receive Him, because His face was set for the journey to Jerusalem.

- **There was a contentious spirit between the Gentiles and the Samaritans.** Here we find the same kind of ethnic strife and just because it appeared that Jesus was on His way to Jerusalem, they said, He cannot stay here. They would not receive Him.

Luk 9:54 And when His disciples James and John (Sons of Thunder) saw this, they said, "Lord, do You want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them, just as Elijah did?"

- **They do not like us ! All right, we will crisp you. Zap, You call fire from heaven and consume.** Lord, do you want us to do that? Now you understand why Jesus gave them the nickname of the sons of thunder.

Luk 9:55-56 But He turned and rebuked them, and said, "You do not know what manner of spirit you are of. [56] For the Son of Man did not come to destroy men's lives but to save them." And they went to another village.

- **Jesus did not come to destroy, but to save!** To seek and to save those that are lost. Note the gentleness with which Jesus received this rejection by the Samaritans.

The Cost of Following Jesus [57] Now it happened as they journeyed on the road, that someone said to Him, "Lord, I will follow You wherever You go."

- **His followers were touched emotionally.** There are a lot of people that have those moments of emotion where their hearts are touched. They say, Lord I will go with You! Jesus said, Consider the cost, fellow. We are not to make an emotional commitment.

Luk 9:58 And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head."

- **Jesus was not looking for sympathy.** Really, how blessed to say there is nothing in this world to which I am attached. I am free. I am free to do what the Father wants. **Issue - Giving up necessities!**

Luk 9:59-60 Then He said to another, "Follow Me." But he said, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father." [60] Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and preach the kingdom of God."

- **Is Jesus being heartless? Is He being cruel?** Is He saying, Do not deal with the family affairs, taking care of the dead? No, saying, I must first bury my father is actually a phrase of postponement. It is saying, I will do it after my father dies. I will come later.
- **Postponing the commitment.** There are many people that are in that place of as soon as I take care of this; of that; then I will come. The postponement of commitment! **Issue – Jesus’ call is more important than family! Wow! There is an urgency! Do it now!**

Luk 9:61-62 And another also said, "Lord, I will follow You, but let me first go and bid them farewell who are at my house." [62] But Jesus said to him, "No one, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.

- **You must be looking ahead if you are going to plow** a straight furrow. Too many people who are trying to live in their past experiences. They are always looking back at what God had done in their life in a past experience that they had. A commitment that they once made. A work that they once did.
- **Paul said (Php 3:13-14) Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, [14] I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. No looking back!**
- **No, not looking back but looking ahead to what God has in store for us in the future.** Let us always keep our face ever forward. Looking ahead because God wants to do so much more! Let us not just stop and revel in the past. Let us move on to what God wants to do with each of us. **Issue - Don’t look back!**

SUMMARY -

- **An application for us when He calls us to a crisis! Remember this! When the crisis is great and your resources are low, He had already solved the problem! Do you believe this? Do you trust Him?** (Luk 9:17) – Feeding the 5,000)
- **Do I really desire to come after Him? What do the three requirements mean to you? Let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me!** (Luk 9:23) – Desire to follow Jesus!)
- **For what or how much would I be willing to sell my soul to Satan?** (Luk 9:25) - What profit to gain whole world?)
- **Is Jesus going to be ashamed of me? Of You? I hope not!** (Luk 9:26)
- **How well can I relate to “lacking in faith?” Do I understand the relationship of spiritual discipline with faith?** (Luk 9:40) - disciples lack of faith)

CLOSING SONG

JESUS MESSIAH – Chris Tomlin (4:23/4:27)

1 He became sin Who knew no sin That we might become His Righteousness

He humbled himself and carried the cross Love so amazing Love so amazing

Refrain: Jesus Messiah Name above all names Blessed Redeemer Emmanuel

The rescue for sinners The ransom from Heaven Jesus Messiah Lord of all

2 His body the bread His blood the wine Broken and poured out all for love The whole earth trembled

And the veil was torn Love so amazing Love so amazing, yeah (Refrain)

3 All our hope is in You All our hope is in You All the glory to You, God The light of the world (Refrain)

Jesus Messiah Lord of all You're the Lord of all! The Lord of all

CLOSING PRAYER

NEXT WEEK: Read and study *Luke Chapter 10! Chapters 10-19, Jesus Going Toward Jerusalem. Acceptance now rather than authentication of the Messiah!*