



Sermon Small Group Discussion Questions  
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## The Consequences of Confessing Christ

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**Luke 9:18-27**

### BIG IDEA

**Confession of Jesus as the Christ results in a community with a new authority leading to consequences of suffering and serving that requires commitment to public confession.**



## FOR STARTERS

1. Open your time in prayer. Have someone pull out the bulletin notes and summarize the main points of the message. If you did listen to the message, share one thought that was meaningful to you. Also make sure you read through the passage—**Luke 9:18-27**. If you are doing a personal study, jot down your thoughts below—write out the main points and one thing that was meaningful to you.

- Who do you say that Jesus is? Why do you believe this? What should be the results in your life?



## DIG INTO THE BIBLE

2. Read through the passage and write out below the observations you have. Try to answer the who, what, when, where, and why of the passage. Write out any observations on the context—what is going on? What are the key words and ideas? What is the tone? What do we learn about Jesus? What do we learn about ourselves as we seek to follow Jesus?



# STUDY AND APPLY

3. In this passage Jesus is saying something like, “Your salvation is so secure that hell cannot prevail against you.” Read the following passages and jot down or discuss with your group how they reinforce what Jesus was saying. **John 10:28-31; 1 Thess 5:23-24; Revelation 12:10-12.**
  
4. Jim Elliot said that, “He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose.” Read **Luke 9:23-25.** What is this passage teaching and how does it relate to Elliot’s quote? How can you apply this idea in greater ways this week?
  
5. The people had no problem accepting Jesus as Prophet and Priest. But it was the King idea that they had trouble with. What were they looking for? Why did they not accept this part of Christ’s teaching that he would suffer and die for sins? To investigate this, study the following verses and jot down your ideas or share them with your group. **Isaiah 9:6-7; Daniel 7:9-14; Isaiah 53.**

**Next steps:** In the end the only opinion that matters is God’s, who will say, if you are faithful to Him, “Well done thou good and faithful servant!” How should this shape the way you live? What tangible change can you make this week to reorganize your priorities to fit those of God’s calling on your life to serve.