

# Connect Group Notes

Sermon: What do you make of Jesus?

Reading: Luke 9: 18-27

Date: 3rd November 2024 (AM)

## Introduction

*Have you had any answers to prayer in the last week? Any opportunities to talk to someone about the Lord? Any encouragements from your Bible reading? Spend a few minutes sharing personal prayer requests and pray for one another.*

## Bible Study

*[Leaders, no questions suite every small group. Please adapt them to your own group]*

### **Read Luke 9:18-27**

1. The crowds had different ideas of who Jesus might be (John the Baptist, Elijah, etc.). Why do you think they struggled to identify Him as the Messiah? How do these views reflect ways people today might misunderstand or partially understand who Jesus is?
2. Are there times when you have viewed Jesus more as an "advisor" rather than as Lord and Saviour? What steps can you take to deepen your relationship with Him as your Saviour?
3. Jesus speaks about His suffering, rejection, and resurrection in verse 22. Why is it important to understand these aspects of Jesus' life and mission?
4. Reflect on your response to Jesus' sacrifice. How does knowing that He suffered specifically for you influence your actions and choices?
5. **Denying oneself and taking up the cross** (v. 23) – What does this mean to you personally? What might "taking up your cross daily" look like in your everyday life?
6. **Losing and saving one's life** (v. 24) – How does this paradox apply to your life? Are there areas where you feel called to "lose" something for the sake of following Christ?

## Prayer

What is one lesson, challenge or encouragement you will take away from this passage? Share it with the rest of the group and pray about it together.