

## Reflection Questions: Luke 9:18-22

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These reflection questions are designed to help you apply the message from the Scriptures by helping you think through application to your personal life, your church life, and your city's life. You can use these by yourself for reflection, or with your family or small group for discussion. To review the message, go to [MercyHillBCS.org/resources/messages](https://MercyHillBCS.org/resources/messages).

### INTRODUCTION

**Pray.** Take a moment to pray asking God to guide you in reflecting upon the Scripture text.

**Read the Scripture text:** Luke 9:18-22

**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."

**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."

### **A summary of the message:**

Jesus is the chosen King sent by God with the mission to be the Savior of the world.

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### PRELIMINARY QUESTIONS:

If you were asked pointedly about the identity of Jesus, how confident would you be in your answer, and why?

### QUESTIONS

#### **1. Let's think about how this text applies to our lives as individuals.**

- Before Jesus asked his disciples directly who they thought he was, he asks the preliminary question about what the crowds were thinking. In what sense were the crowds right and wrong?
- How have you seen that it's possible to think highly of Jesus, but still not get him? Maybe in your own life or in the lives of others?
- Jesus didn't rebuke Peter for getting the question wrong, but he also didn't (yet) want his disciples to speak openly about this. What clues do we get from Jesus' response that let us know that they still didn't get Jesus?

**2. Let's think about how this text applies to us as a community of Jesus' followers.**

- What are some ways that communities of faith (& even other groups) could co-op Jesus for other agendas? In other words, what are ways that people can say certain right things about Jesus, but completely miss other important elements of his identity and mission?
- How could you tell if a community of faith truly understands who Jesus is? What would be of first importance for them?

**3. Let's think about how this text applies to our city.**

- Consider asking someone this week who they think Jesus is. Does this fill you with a sense of anticipation or does it make you anxious? Why do you think that is?

PRAYER

What are some ways you can turn what you are learning into prayer? List them as bullet points....

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