

WITH JESUS IN THE SCHOOL OF DISCIPLESHIP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

LUKE 9:21-27

1 Michael Wilcock wrote, “What then can Jesus do with a group of disciples still so unbelieving, slow-witted, swollen-headed, and narrow-minded, except take them with him on another year’s course of teaching?” Skim over the rest of the book of Luke and share with the group some of the upcoming lessons that Jesus will teach his disciples. Be encouraged by looking up Acts 1:1-3, 8.

2 We witnessed the many failures of the disciples. Take one of their failures and share with the group how you have seen that weakness in your life.

♥ *Sleeping when they should have been praying.*

Talking when they should have been listening.

A lack of faith to believe that God could do great things.

A spirit of rivalry with their team of believers.

Judgmental sectarianism towards people outside of their team.

A desire for vengeance on those who had done them wrong.

Not giving up simple conveniences to follow Christ.

Not immediately submitting to the call of Christ.

Longing for the things of this world, rather than staying focused on Christ.

3 Thabiti Anyabwile gives a list of different ways that Christians can be tribal. Take one of the areas and discuss. How is that area of tribalism could distract Christian disciples from living on mission.

🗨 *Black vs. white (ethnic tribalism)*

Male vs. female (gender tribalism)

Reformed vs. Arminian (theological tribalism)

Young vs. old (generational tribalism)

Urban vs. suburban (community tribalism)

Rich vs. middle class vs. poor (class tribalism)

Republican vs. Democrat (political tribalism)

4 **The transfiguration of Jesus reminds us of his deity and lordship.** Is there any way that you have been resisting the call to “listen to him”? Why have you been resisting?

⚙️ *How does this glimpse of Jesus’ powerful glory motivate you toward obedience?*

🗨️ *How is it liberating, and not oppressive, to listen to and obey the King?*

5 **What do you think the driving motivation was for the majority of the disciples?** Hint: Consider Judas Iscariot betraying Jesus for 30 pieces of silver. Also, consider why Peter cut off the servant’s ear on the night of Jesus Christ’s betrayal.

♥️ *Why is it important to discern our driving motivations?*

♥️ *Ultimately, we will either love God or love ourselves. However, we all have our own designer manifestations of selfishness. What are some of your driving motivations?*