

Luke 9:18 – 28 - Who am I?

- 1) Icebreaker:
 - a) **Q: What is one piece of Christmas tradition/nostalgia you'd like to pass on to your kids?**
- 2) Jesus asked the disciples "Who do the crowds say I am?" (Luke 9:18-28, Matthew 16:13-20, Mark 8:27-3)
 - a) **Q: Who do you say Jesus is? What's the basis of your conclusion?**
 - i) Challenge them beyond just scripture
 - ii) Challenge them beyond Christianese¹
 - b) **Q: Think about what you would expect God to be like if He were living now? How would you expect Him to come into the world and behave while He is here? (not judgment day)**
 - i) Unusual birth, sinless, performs miracles
 - ii) Speak significant words
 - iii) Have lasting universal influence
 - iv) Satisfy spiritual hunger
 - v) Exercise power over death
- 3) **Q: Have you tried talking about your beliefs to your "prayer of 3" (by name)?**
 - a) Leader goes first
 - b) If they answer "Yes"
 - i) How did it go?
 - ii) What was their response?
 - iii) Were you successful? (see how they define success)
 - c) If they answer "No"
 - i) Why not? Fear, opportunity, etc.
 - ii) Plan to counteract obstacles
 - iii) Immediately pray
- 4) **Q: What if someone came claiming to be God? Would you believe him? Why/why not?**
 - a) What are the possible options: Liar, Lunatic, or Lord
 - b) Liar – how would we know?
 - c) Lunatic – how would we know?
 - d) Lord – how would we know?
 - i) If you ruled out liar and lunatic, why might you still not choose to accept him?
- 5) **Q: Let's say it was just you and I am sitting having lunch together and I'm talking my plans for the weekend. What's one way you could turn the conversation to Jesus, your beliefs, or anything spiritually related?** (start with the least experienced Christian)

¹ Christianese – Christian vocabulary used to summarize spiritually significant concepts. The true meaning and weight of these words is often lost on non-Christians and Christians alike. Examples include: *Savior, personal Lord, born-again, filled with the Holy Spirit*. Christians who wish to educate and encourage others about who Jesus Christ is, should do so using terminology and language the audience can understand.