

Luke 9: 1-9 Questions and Scripture for Reflection

Take your time. Ask the Holy Spirit to speak as He wants. This is not homework, but a way for you and God to talk for your own understanding.

Jesus Calls

Acts 2:38 For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself

Rom 1:6 you are called to belong to Jesus Christ

1 Cor 7:17 Only let each person lead the life that the Lord has assigned to him, and to which God has called

Rom 8:28 We are called according to God's purpose

1 Cor 1:9 God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord

Eph 1:18 ...having the eyes of your heart enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints..

Eph 4:4-6 There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call ---- one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one god and Father of us all, who is over all and through all and in all.

1 Thess 2:12 God calls you into his own kingdom and glory.

1 Thess 5:24 Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely,... He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

1 Tim 6:12 Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called

2 Tim 1:9 God saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus

1 Pet 2:9 But you are ... a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Jesus Himself said.... Jn 10:3-18 The sheep hear my voice and I call my own sheep by name and lead them. I know my own and my own know me.

Questions: Do you see yourself as called?

What strikes you about being called?

To what are you called?

What does being called personally by Jesus mean to you?

Jesus Gives

Consider the extraordinary, life-changing momentous reality of what we have been given in Christ.

We are told in the Bible that ALL believers:

- are blessed by God "with every spiritual blessing in Christ." Eph 1:3
- should know: "what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead." Eph 1:19-20
- should praise God who: "is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us." Eph 3:20
- are like jars of clay with treasures inside: "to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us" 2 Cor 4:7
- are given individual spiritual gifts through the power of the Holy Spirit in order to: strengthen the church of Christ, share the message of Jesus, and display grace and love 1 Cor 12, 14, Eph 4, 1 Pet 4:8-11

Questions: What have you received from God?

What does God want to give to you still?

How are you walking in the gifts you've received?

Spend time in praise and thankfulness.

Jesus Sends

"Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." Mt 28:16-20

"As he spoke, he showed them the wounds in his hands and his side. They were filled with joy when they saw the Lord! Again he said, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you." John 20:20-21

Questions: How do you understand Jesus sending you?

Do you hear His commissioning you? Do you feel Him going with you?

As you think about being sent, do you sense resistance? Joy? Inadequacy?

Something else?

You might want to spend time considering how to see yourself as "sent by God"

into your world.

Jesus Is

Herod's question was, "Who is this about whom I hear such things? Who IS this man?" Luke 9:9

Questions: How would you answer that question in explanation to others?

What is your personal response to "Who is Jesus to me"?

What colors or clouds your perception of Jesus?

What is it I want from Jesus?