

## THE CHRIST OF GOD

Luke 9:18-27

Key Verse: 9:20

1. Read verses 18-19. Where were Jesus and the disciples and what were they doing? What might Jesus have been praying about? What did Jesus ask his disciples? What was their answer? What does this mean?
2. Read verse 20. What was Jesus' second question? How was it different from the first? How did Peter answer? What does it mean that Jesus is the Christ of God? In what way was Peter's answer different? Why was he different?
3. Read verses 21-22. Why did Jesus tell them to keep his identity a secret at this time? What did Jesus tell them about the work and life of the Christ? (See Isa 53:4-7) Why was it necessary that he suffer and die?
4. Read verse 23. What are the requirements for discipleship? What does it mean to deny oneself? What does it mean to take up one's cross? Why "daily"? What does it mean to follow Jesus?
5. Read verses 24-25. What does it mean to try to save one's life? How do people do this? What is the difference in just losing one's life and losing one's life for Jesus' sake? What is the only way to save one's very self? Why?
6. Read verses 26-27. What is Jesus' sure hope? What is the difference between not telling anyone (21) and being ashamed of Jesus? (26) What does it mean to "see the kingdom of God"? (27)