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Study 8 - Luke 9:10-50

1. Read the tail end of last week's passage – 9:7-9. Why do you think Luke mentions this incident? What is Herod's question? What are some of the incidents from the previous chapters that help us to give an answer?
2. How does the feeding miracle take us back to Israel's OT experience (see Exodus 16:1-12)? What links are we meant to make and what do they tell us about Jesus? (Hint: "remote place" in v11 is literally "wilderness place")
3. In v18-21, Jesus asks the question that has been on Luke's mind over these last few chapters. What is the question? What answers are given?
4. What would the disciples have understood by the term "Messiah" or "Christ"? (If you can, back up your answer from the Old Testament).
5. In the light of their expectations, what is so surprising about what comes next (v22)? Why "must" it happen this way?
6. What are the implications for the followers of Jesus (v23-26)? How does this compare with the Christianity that we see in the world around us?

7. The title 'Son of Man' (v22, 26, 44) comes from Daniel 7:9-14. What is given to the Son of Man in Daniel 7:13-14? From Daniel 7:9-10, when will he be given this? So what is Jesus speaking about in Luke 9:26?
8. When must we 'lose' our lives if we are to save them? And when will our lives be 'saved'? Why is it important to be clear about the timing?
9. How should Jesus' followers live now in light of this? Give some practical examples of how this might apply as we live in our culture?
10. How does the transfiguration story (v27-36) fit in with what has come before? What does it help the disciples understand about Jesus?
11. The feeding miracle reminded us of Israel's exodus experience. Jesus talks about his own "exodus" in v31 (NIV – "departure"). How does his exodus relate to the new exodus that God has in mind for his people?
12. There are two obstacles the disciples are faced with in this passage – in v13 and in v40. What does this tell us about them and about Jesus?
13. The passage ends with another surprise for Jesus' disciples (v46-50). How does this add to our understanding about what it means to follow Jesus?
14. Looking back, how has this passage affected your views of Jesus? How has it challenged the way you should live?