

WEEK 25:

CONSUMER OR CONVINCED?

PRIMARY SCRIPTURE:

Luke 9:1-20

RELATED SCRIPTURES:

Exodus 16, Deuteronomy 8:1-10,
John 6:1-15 + 22-71, Revelation 7:13-17

“The world needs to see Christians burning, not with self-righteous fury at the sliding morals in our country, but with passion for God.”

- Kevin DeYoung

“[The Church] exists ... to set up in the world a new sign which is radically dissimilar to [the world's] own manner and which contradicts it in a way that is full of promise.”

- Karl Barth

PERSONAL STUDY:

Read Luke 9:1-6. Why might Jesus have given them the instruction in v. 3 to “Take nothing for your journey, no staff, nor bag, nor bread, nor moey, and do not have two tunics”? How do these items represent things people typically rely on for a journey?

Read Luke 9:7-9 and Luke 23:6-12. How would you describe Herod's interest in Jesus in Luke 9? What insight do we learn about Herod's heart from the way he treats Jesus in Luke 23?

Read Luke 9:10-17 and John 6:1-15. What is the spiritual significance of Jesus' miracle? How does this miracle portray Jesus' ability to provide and satisfy?

Read Exodus 16 and John 6:22-65. How does the manna in Exodus 16 foreshadow Jesus' coming? Why do the Jews struggle with Jesus' claim that He is the “bread of life”?

Read Deuteronomy 8:1-20, Hebrews 4. How is the idea of resting in Jesus' work connected to the idea of being fulfilled and satisfied by Jesus? What desires, people or goals are you tempted to see as more satisfying than Jesus?

Read Luke 9:18-20 and John 6:66-71. What did Peter mean by his question, “Lord, to whom shall we go?” How does this question relate to Peter's statements that Jesus is “the Christ of God” and “the Holy One of God”?

SERMON NOTES:



LIFEGROUP DISCUSSION:

What stood out from the sermon and your personal study of Luke 9:1-20?



Read Luke 9:1-6. What instructions does Jesus give His disciples as He sends them out? How might this apply to our group as we live on mission?

Read Luke 9:7-17. What is similar about Herod’s interest in Jesus and the crowd’s interest in Jesus? How are you tempted to believe Jesus primarily exists to make your life better?

Where are you unwilling to let following Jesus make your life worse?



Read Luke 9:18-20 and John 6:66-71. Outside of Jesus, where are you tempted to go when you feel discontent or unsatisfied?

How does satisfaction in Jesus motivate us for mission? What could be going on under the surface when we think, “I don’t want to talk about Jesus because I don’t want to make things awkward”?

Spend some time praying for Jesus to protect us from being consumers. Pray that he would grow our conviction that He is what we need and what our friends need.

