



# Sermon Growth Guide

**July 27, 2025**

**There is Love**

**Luke 9:18-27**

**Key Verse:** Luke 9:20 - “But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?” Peter answered, “God’s Messiah.”

**Big Idea:** It matters who you say Jesus is. Where do you place your faith?

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## Foundations

This current series, “In the Face of Jesus” talks about finding the fruit of the Spirit within Jesus – we see the fruit in Him. So far, we have seen love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, and goodness in our Savior.

This passage occurs after many miraculous signs and wonders had been performed, including the miraculous feeding of the 5,000. People would have started to talk of all they’d seen, which is when Jesus asks Peter what the gossip is. Having witnessed so many miracles, what do you think the people were saying at this time?

After this passage comes the transfiguration – where the disciples see the glory of Jesus. They also witness, from verse 35, “A voice came from the cloud, saying, “This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him.” This comes after Peter named Jesus as the Messiah, or anointed one. Everything that happens in the transfiguration corroborates what Jesus had been called – the anointed one.

The ‘anointed one’ shouts of someone being worthy. Of someone being chosen by divine authority. All of Scripture points to the Chosen One. Jesus was anointed. Faithfulness means that we focus on who Jesus is and remain steady. Our passage ends today with Jesus challenging us to deny ourselves and follow Him. He is worthy for us to give our whole lives up for Him.

## Understanding God’s Word

Read the passage. ‘Messiah’ or “Christ” means anointed. In the sermon, Pastor Tim highlights the fact that Jesus instructs His followers not to tell others about this interaction. There were a variety of expectations that others had around an ‘anointed’ one. What expectations of Jesus do we see in the Scripture? What does Jesus, in turn, expect of the disciples and those who follow Him?

## Applying God’s Word

It was faithfulness that kept Jesus on the mission. Faithfulness. Jesus stuck by the Truth that He knew. What have you put your faith in? Will that belief endure and carry you through when times get tough? It matters who you say Jesus is. Who is Jesus? Who is Jesus to you? What knowledge of God can you count on?

## Witnessing God’s Word

To become a disciple of Jesus means to stop following yourself and start following him. How can we gently and lovingly encourage others around us to stop following themselves? As Christians, we pray that the Spirit within us is making a difference in our lives and that others see a difference in whom we’re living for – that they see us as faithful. Is there anything within yourself where you need to make a course-correction? Or an area you need to invite the Spirit into?