

# FOLLOW CLOSELY

...in Christ's Ministry

## A MATTER OF DEATH AND LIFE

July 30, 2017 • Luke 9:18-27 • Pastor Ben Miller

Introduction:



Sermon Notes

**Big Idea:** Stake YOUR life on the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus, the \_\_\_\_\_.

- ◆ Stake your life on Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_:  
The \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

- ◆ Stake your life on Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_:  
His \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

- ◆ Stake your life on Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_:  
\_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_ leads to \_\_\_\_\_ in him.

Three Ways we Try to "Save our Life": \_\_\_\_\_

1)

2)

3)

Three Pictures of "Losing Your Life": \_\_\_\_\_

1)

2)

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### Personal Reflection and Application:

1. In your own words, define what it means for Jesus to be “the Christ of God.” How does it affect your heart knowing that the Christ of God has called you to be in his presence and to follow him? How can you purpose to continually live in awe of that truth?
2. Read Daniel 7:9-14 Isaiah 53:1-11. Why MUST the Son of Man suffer, be rejected, die and rise again? Why is this necessary for our salvation? What convictions do you maintain from these passages and Jesus’ words in Luke 9: 21-22?
3. Does your response to the gospel look like Jesus’ call in Luke 9:23-24? Is there any way you are trying to “save your own life” (v. 24)? Do you confidently embrace the glory that only Jesus can bring in your life by grace through faith (v. 27)?

### Gospel Community Discussion Questions:

1. Read Luke 9:18-20. As a group, come up with a definition of what it means for Jesus to be “the Christ of God.” How does it affect your heart knowing that “the Christ of God” has called you to be in his presence and to follow him? How can you purpose to continually live in awe of that truth?
2. Read Luke 9:21-22. Daniel 7:9-14 Isaiah 53:1-11. Why MUST the Son of Man suffer, be rejected, die and rise again? Why is each part of Jesus’ activity described here necessary for our salvation?
3. Read Luke 9:23-27. What are some ways we might try to save ourselves apart from Christ? What is the result of these efforts?
4. What does it mean for someone one to “lose his life for [Christ’s] sake” (see v. 23-24)? What does this practically look like day by day? What motivates us to lose our lives in favor of embracing Jesus (see v. 27)?

### **Breakout Time**

Split your group into men and women to pray for one another and hold one another accountable. Discuss any prayer updates and celebrate any growth or answers to prayer.