

## Knowing Jesus

### Luke 9:18–45

#### 1. Discipling: 9:18–27

- a) Understanding Jesus' identity is vital to becoming a Mature Multiplying Disciple
- b) Understanding Jesus' mission is vital to becoming a Mature Multiplying Disciple
- c) Understanding Jesus' identity and mission protect us from falling away because of persecution or pursuit.

Prayerfully building on the disciples' existing knowledge, Jesus filled in the gaps of their understanding, teaching them not just about who he is, but also the exact nature and purpose of his mission.

Mature discipleship is dependent on a proper understanding of who Jesus is as well as the nature and purpose of his mission.

**Understanding who Jesus is, as well as the nature and purpose of his mission makes it possible for "good soil" discipleship that perseveres and grows to maturity.**

#### 2. Experiencing: 9:28–36

The disciples' experience of Jesus' transfiguration further developed their understanding of Jesus' identity and mission.

**As we participate in Jesus' mission, we will get fresh glimpses of his glory that will deepen our understanding of his identity and mission.**

#### 3. Failing: 9:37–45

The disciples' failure to grow in their understanding of Jesus' identity and mission rendered their ministry ineffective against new levels of opposition.

**Failure to grow in our knowledge and experience of Jesus' identity and mission will cripple our ability to make mature multiplying disciples.**

**Making Mature Multiplying Disciples requires us to continue to grow in our knowledge and experience of Jesus' identity and mission.**

What is God asking you to do in order to grow in your knowledge of Jesus?

*Jesus Identity in Luke:*

Chapter 1: Gabriel tells Mary he is to be the Son of the Most High God

Chapter 2: The angels tell the shepherds about the Messiah

Chapter 3: God proclaims, "This is my Son whom I love."

Chapter 4: Jesus sermon based on the Messianic text of Isa 61

Demons proclaim, "I know who you are – the Holy One of God!"

Chapter 5: Peter, "Go away from me Lord; I am a sinful man!"

Pharisees, "No one can forgive sins but God himself."

Chapter 6: Jesus is Lord of the Sabbath

Chapter 7: Raising the widow's son, "A great prophet has appeared"

John sends his disciples to ask, "Are you the one?"

Chapter 8: After calming the storm, "Who is this?"

Chapter 9: Herod asks, "Who then is this I hear such things about?"