

**Recognition**  
**Lesson #16**  
**Luke 9:18-36**

**Peter's Declaration - 9:18-27**

1. In the next story, we come to a turning point in Jesus' ministry. Because of its key significance, this event is recorded in all three of the synoptic Gospels, yet with different details emphasized. According to Matthew, where were Jesus and the 12 disciples located at the time? (Matthew 16:13)
  
2. According to Luke, what had Jesus been doing just prior to this? (Luke 9:18)
  
3. Jesus asked his disciples an important question, "*Who do the people say that I am?*" What was their answer? (Luke 9:19)
  
4. Jesus then asked them directly, "*But who do you say that I am?*" Simon Peter spoke up first. What was Peter's answer to this question according to each of the Gospels?
  - Luke 9:20
  
  - Mark 8:29
  
  - Matthew 16:16
  
5. What was Jesus' surprising reaction to Peter's declaration? (Luke 9:21)

6. Up to this point, life with Jesus had been very exciting! The disciples were convinced Jesus was the Messiah – the Christ, the promised savior of Israel. Now things got confusing. Jesus was saying things they did not understand or want to hear. Summarize what Jesus told his disciples right after Peter's declaration. (Luke 9:22)
  
7. How did Peter react to what Jesus said? (Matthew 16:22)
  
8. And what did Jesus say to Peter? (Matthew 16:23)
  
9. All of a sudden the cost of discipleship changed – radically! What did Jesus say it would cost his disciples to follow him?
  - Luke 9:23
  
  - Luke 9:24
  
10. What did Jesus say is not to be a priority in the lives of his disciples? (Luke 9:25)
  
11. What if someone is ashamed of Jesus or his words? (Luke 9:26)
  
12. What words of encouragement did Jesus give? (Luke 9:27)

**The Transfiguration – 9:28-36**

13. Eight days after Peter's declaration, Jesus took his three closest disciples, Peter, John and James with him into the mountains. Why does Luke say that he went there? (Luke 9:28)
14. What happened to Jesus while he was there? (Luke 9:29)
15. Who joined him on that mountain? (Luke 9:30)
16. What was their conversation centered on? (Luke 9:31)
17. Luke said the disciples were very sleepy – they just couldn't keep up with Jesus' pace. What roused them from their sleep? (Luke 9:32)
18. Suddenly Peter "*became fully awake.*" What did he say to Jesus? (Luke 9:33)
19. What was Luke's editorial comment?
20. What happened while Peter was talking? (Luke 9:34 & 35)
21. Then the disciples were alone with Jesus again. After such an amazing display, how does Luke say this affected the disciples? (Luke 9:36)