**BCM Bible Study September 30-1, 2015**

**Luke 9 and 10**

**Read Luke 9:10-17**

Why does Jesus take his disciples away with him upon their return?

How do you understand the differences between the way Jesus and the disciples view the crowd?

From what do you need rest? How would you feel if God gave you a new challenge instead?

**Read Luke 9:18-27** - Jesus had been ministering with his disciples for a few years. They had seen his mighty acts, heard his powerful words. Now it is time for the big test. Would they know and understand who he really is? Would they present a proper witness of what they had seen and heard? This passage is a hinge point in Luke. After this he “sets his face toward Jerusalem” where he knows he will die (verse 51).

Why would Jesus ask for this information?

Look at Peter’s answer in verse 20. What do you think his own words meant to him? What do they mean for us today?

Why doesn’t he want them to tell anyone?

What does it mean specifically to you to deny yourself, take up your cross daily, follow Christ, and “lose their life for my sake” in verses 24-25? How does this “save” our lives?

What would be the positive opposite of being ashamed of him? Have you had opportunities recently to share what you have experienced of him? How have you felt about the witness that you shared?

The exact meaning of verse 27 is controversial. What do you think he meant by “seeing the kingdom of God?” *(Some scholars think that the next incident, the Transfiguration, helps fulfill this promise as does his resurrection, the Spirit coming at Pentecost, etc.)*

**Read Luke 10:1-24** In this passage, Jesus is on his way from Galilee to Jerusalem and has just taught about true discipleship and the kingdom of God. Some of those who heard him and want to follow him are about to be sent out on a mission. In this study we’ll explore what it is like to be a witness sent on a mission.

What is their message? What does “the kingdom of God” mean in verses 9 and 11? How is it that the kingdom of God comes near? *(The kingdom is the reign or rule of God in the lives of people.)*

How do you feel about the harvest here or where you came from? Are people ripe for the gospel? What are your feelings as you seek to be a witness on campus? In what situations is Jesus calling you to bear witness to the nearness of the kingdom of God? What will it mean for you to respond to his call? In what can you rejoice?

What is the source of Jesus’ joy (verses 21-22)? How do we come to know the Father?