

SMALL GROUP Q'S

The Messiah Must ...

June 4, 2017

Luke 9:18-22

- 1.) What has the process been in your life of wrestling with the identity and mission of Jesus? What was the most difficult obstacle for you? Did identity and mission come together or separately?

- 2.) We have talked a lot in Luke about the kingdom of Jesus coming in word and deed, about the social implications of the good news of Jesus, about the blessings that come to his followers, about the new community that is formed. Does the priority of the cross work against these ideas? How can they be complementary, and which one works as the foundation of the other (HINT: Only the cross drives the others; it doesn't work the other way around!)?

- 3.) In what ways are we personally or as a church tempted to preach a gospel that is not the cruciform (Cross-centered) gospel OR a Jesus who is not a crucified and risen Messiah?



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