

FBC Groups Ministry Discussion Guide

Closer to the Cross:

A Journey from Death to Life

Part Two: With a Divine Healer Who is Greater, Luke 9:28–45

Who do you say that Jesus is? Jesus first asked the question in Matthew 16:15, and it has been the most life-changing and destiny-defining question ever since.

Consider your answer based on these two challenges: (1) the tendency to answer based on personal expectations and conveniences about Jesus; and (2) the reality that any answer will require a step of faith. Jesus helps us get to the heart of the question with a closer look at the three times He predicted His own death. We begin with the prediction that followed two important miracles.

Read Luke 9:28–45

From the Second Prediction of His Death, We Discover that:

Jesus is a Divine Healer who is Greater than our Observation

Jesus is a Divine Healer who is Greater than our Expectation

Jesus is a Divine Healer who is Greater than our Comprehension

Questions for Group Discussion:

1. What are some of the common opinions/theories about who Jesus is?
2. What did the transfiguration reveal about who Jesus is?
3. If Jesus is a divine healer, then why would He face physical death?
4. What kept His first disciples from understanding this death prediction?
5. What does this second prediction teach us about our greatest human need?
6. What aspects of Jesus do we ignore when it comes to His teaching?
7. Describe a time when your expectations were different than your reality.
8. What characteristics of Jesus do we have difficulty comprehending?

Final Thoughts and Closing Prayer:

What will I do this week to follow Jesus rather than expecting Him to follow me?

How will I live better and help others do the same because of this study?

Notes & Reflections: