

Sun., March 27 - One Great Hour of Sharing

Memory Verse: Luke 9:35 “Then a voice from the cloud said, “This is my Son, my chosen one. Listen to Him!””

Message: Luke 3 Miracle 5: “Sharing the Bread”

Text: Luke 9:17 “Everyone ate until they were full, and the disciples filled twelve baskets with the leftovers.”

Scripture: Luke 9:1-36 (everyone reads together)

Blurb: This Sunday we finish the first half of Jesus’ earthly life in Luke and begin the second. Up until now Jesus has been wildly popular. But in Luke 9 Jesus talks about how He must suffer and die. Jesus then invites others to pick up their crosses and follow Him! As you can tell, it’s not going to be easy this Sunday. But it’s time to get real!

[Recorded Worship Beginning]

WELCOME -Pastor David

Each person needs a serving of bread, broken into 5 pieces.

MEMORY VERSE -Pastor David

“Then a voice from the cloud said, ‘This is my Son, my chosen one. Listen to Him!’” -Luke 9:35

WORSHIP MUSIC SET -Prerecording

Death Was Arrested

Worship prayer -Pastor Andrew

[Live Worship Beginning]

GATHERING SONG: *Lift High the Cross* -Sanctify

WELCOME -Pastor David

Each person needs a baggie of bread, which you save until a bit later!

MEMORY VERSE -Pastor David

“Then a voice from the cloud said, ‘This is my Son, my chosen one. Listen to Him!’” -Luke 9:35

WORSHIP MUSIC SET -Sanctify

In Tenderness

How Great Thou Art

Simple Pursuit

Worship prayer -Pastor Andrew

[Both Recorded & Live Worship]

SERVE MOMENT: “One Great Hour of Sharing” -Pastor Andrew

PRAYERS -Pastor Andrew

GENERATIONAL BRIDGE -Pastor Andrew

MESSAGE: Luke 3 Miracle (Luke 7-9) 5: “Sharing the Bread”

PP#1: Miracle 5: “Sharing the Bread”

“Everyone ate until they were full, and the disciples filled twelve baskets with the leftovers.”
-Luke 9:17

“Miracle: Sharing the Bread.” Luke 9:17 “Everyone ate until they were full, and the disciples filled twelve baskets with the leftovers.”

PP#2: *A collage of images for 1. Jesus sending out the 12, 2. Jesus feeding the 5,000, 3. Jesus’ question “Who do you say I am?” and Jesus’ Transfiguration, with “Luke 9” in the middle.*

Well, last week Pastor Cynthia took us on a brief holiday from our journey through Luke and took us to 1 John. But today we are back, and we find things are picking up speed. In this half chapter we have a string of five stories, four of which are favorite sermon passages. I’m guessing you’ve not only heard of most of these stories before, you’ve heard sermons on them...maybe even more than once. Well, I know I’ve preached on four of them here while with you these last 12 years.

So, five stories, Luke 9:1-36. There are baggies of bread for each of us today, notice there are *five* little loaves. Perhaps you can now guess what one of the stories is! And yes, today we come to be fed by Jesus, who is Himself the Bread of Life. At the beginning of His ministry, Jesus told Satan that people don’t live by bread alone, but by the very Word of God. Today we come to feast on these five stories as God’s word for us today, and we come to take Jesus as our Bread of Life.

PP#3: *Image of people (either like the disciples or like us today) eating (bread) around a fire.*

So, here’s what I want to try to do. Let’s be like the disciples who are following Jesus—who don’t really understand it all very well—and try to notice some of the bigger ideas we see as we stay with Jesus over time. It’s like we’re at the end of a week with Jesus and we’ve gathered together, perhaps around a fire, perhaps while eating bread, and we talk through what we’ve been learning about Jesus and the Kingdom of God.

So, as we huddle, as we are reviewing around the campfire, we’ll do five rounds. I’ll introduce each story and give some background. Then we’ll review the story together. Then we’ll eat a piece of bread, then we’ll each turn and really quick share with a neighbor something we noticed, we’ll write it on our note sheets, and then I’ll pull out a big idea, too. Five times. Okay?

So, we sit together having just spent a week with Jesus. We have Bibles in one hand and our bags of bread in the other, and a conversation partner nearby. Ready? Turn to Luke 9.

PP#4: Jesus' 3 Galilee Tours

Luke 4:43 -1st Tour, Jesus w/the 4 Fishermen

Luke 8:1 -2nd Tour, Jesus with the 12

Luke 9:1 - 3rd Tour, Jesus and the 12 separate

The chapter begins with Jesus on His third ministry tour around Galilee. Flip back to Luke 4:43 to your note there “Jesus’ 1st Galilee Tour” and add to the note: “Jesus with the 4 fishermen.” Then turn to 8:1 to your note “Jesus’ 2nd Galilee Tour” and add the note: “Jesus with the 12.” Then, here at Luke 9:1, make a note, “Jesus’ 3rd Galilee Tour” and also write “Jesus and the 12 separate.”

Jesus’ earthly ministry was to usher in the Kingdom of God. He first calls the 4, then the 12 to travel with Him, but now in chapter 9, Jesus starts a new phase of His ministry. He equips and then sends out the 12 to go do His ministry on their own. I want you to catch this, not only because it shows how Jesus hands off His ministry to His followers—including us, this is what we are about: continuing the work that Jesus began of bringing in God’s Kingdom—it also shows that things for them are starting to change dramatically. More on this when we climb the mountain.

PP#5: Luke 9:1-36 (CEB)

1 Jesus called the Twelve together and he gave them power and authority over all demons and to heal sicknesses. 2 He sent them out to proclaim God’s kingdom and to heal the sick. 3 He told them, “Take nothing for the journey—no walking stick, no bag, no bread, no money, not even an extra shirt. 4 Whatever house you enter, remain there until you leave that place. 5 Wherever they don’t welcome you, as you leave that city, shake the dust off your feet as a witness against them.” 6 They departed and went through the villages proclaiming the good news and healing people everywhere.

So, Jesus equips them, by releasing to them some of His power and authority to heal, both physically and spiritually. He tells them not to take any provisions, because they have to learn to trust in the provision that God will provide along the way. And they are to stay where they are welcomed, and leave when not wanted. Off they go! You ready to join them?

So, take out one of your pieces of bread and hold it. This is God’s Word, the Bread of Life. Join me in reading it together. Verse 1:

“1 Jesus called the Twelve together and he gave them power and authority over all demons and to heal sicknesses. 2 He sent them out to proclaim God’s kingdom and to heal the sick. 3 He told them, ‘Take nothing for the journey—no walking stick, no bag, no bread, no money, not even an extra shirt. 4 Whatever house you enter, remain there until you leave that place. 5 Wherever they don’t welcome you, as you leave that city, shake the dust off your feet as a witness against them.’ 6 They departed and went through the villages proclaiming the good news and healing people everywhere.”

So, now we eat that piece of bread. As we do, we consider—and share—what does this mean? Really quick, turn to your neighbor and share one thing you noticed, one thing that stood out to you. Go ahead. Talk while you chew!

[Everyone shares.]

Very good! We’re eating and talking about Jesus.

PP#6: Sharing the Bread (Luke 9:1-36)

1. - [*Write in a key insight.*]
- How is my Bread (Jesus) sharing?
2. -
3. -
4. -
5. -

Take out your sermon note sheet, number it 1-5 down the left. Next to number 1, write down a key insight. [*Pause.*]

I have one, too. You see, Jesus is the Bread of Life, right? And we have Him for ourselves. But the Kingdom of God isn't just about us. It's for others, too. We haven't just come to receive, we've joined a movement. When we choose to follow Jesus, He asks us to share the Bread with others. So, big idea: how have you been doing in your sharing Jesus with others? Maybe you need to make some physical bread to share as a conversation starter!

PP#7: Luke 9:1-36 (CEB)

7 Herod the ruler heard about everything that was happening. He was confused because some people were saying that John had been raised from the dead, 8 others that Elijah had appeared, and still others that one of the ancient prophets had come back to life. 9 Herod said, "I beheaded John, so now who am I hearing about?" Herod wanted to see Him.

So, the twelve are off traveling around—Mark 6:7 tells us Jesus sent them off in pairs—and Jesus is traveling around, too. I'm guessing the women are with Jesus. And there are crowds still around Him. Now, Herod Antipas, technically "tetrarch" or translated "ruler" here, the puppet king the Romans put in Galilee, was hearing about Him. Luke doesn't include the story, but Herod just had John the Baptist beheaded. Make a note to verse 7 and write "See Matt. 14:1-12."

So, take out a second piece of bread and hold it. This is God's Word, the Bread of Life. Join me in reading it together. Verse 7:

"7 Herod the ruler heard about everything that was happening. He was confused because some people were saying that John had been raised from the dead, 8 others that Elijah had appeared, and still others that one of the ancient prophets had come back to life. 9 Herod said, 'I beheaded John, so now who am I hearing about?'" Herod wanted to see Him.

So, now we eat that piece of bread. As we do, we consider—and share—what does this mean? Really quick, turn to your neighbor and share one thing you noticed, one thought you had. Go ahead. Again, chew with your mouth open!

[*Everyone shares.*]

Very good! We're eating bread and talking about God's Bread.

PP#8: Sharing the Bread (Luke 9:1-36)

1. - [*Write in a key insight.*]
- How is my Bread (Jesus) sharing?
2. - [*Write in a key insight.*]
- Others/powers are confused by Jesus
3. -
4. -
5. -

Write down a key insight on your note sheet, under number two. [*Pause.*]

Got it? I have one, too. Others, especially the powers that rule the world, are confused about Jesus. Not everyone receives well the Bread we share. Remember Jesus instructed The 12 to walk away if rejected? Same is true for us. Don't necessarily expect a favorable reception in the world, even when offering the Bread of Life they desperately need. Expect rejection. It's okay. Keep trying. And beware that they may be curious, but not necessarily for the right reasons, like Herod! By the way, Herod eventually does meet Jesus, but to no avail. Make a note to verse 9, "See Luke 23:8." Oh, and hang on to verse 8 until we get to verse 30 where Elijah and Moses actually do appear!

PP#9: Luke 9:1-36 (CEB)

10 When the apostles returned, they described for Jesus what they had done. Taking them with Him, Jesus withdrew privately to a city called Bethsaida. 11 When the crowds figured it out, they followed him. He welcomed them, spoke to them about God's kingdom, and healed those who were sick.

12 When the day was almost over, the Twelve came to Him and said, "Send the crowd away so that they can go to the nearby villages and countryside and find lodging and food, because we are in a deserted place."

Well, in verse 10 The 12 return from their initial ministries, and Jesus then leads them off on retreat to debrief. But before long, the crowds find them.

So, take out a third piece of bread and hold it. This is God's Word, the Bread of Life. Join me in reading it together. Verse 10:

"10 When the apostles returned, they described for Jesus what they had done. Taking them with Him, Jesus withdrew privately to a city called Bethsaida. 11 When the crowds figured it out, they followed him. He welcomed them, spoke to them about God's kingdom, and healed those who were sick.

"12 When the day was almost over, the Twelve came to Him and said, 'Send the crowd away so that they can go to the nearby villages and countryside and find lodging and food, because we are in a deserted place.'"

PP#10: Luke 9:1-36 (CEB)

13 He replied, "You give them something to eat."

But they said, "We have no more than five loaves of bread and two fish—unless we go and buy food for all these people." 14 (They said this because about five thousand men were present.)

Jesus said to His disciples, "Seat them in groups of about fifty." 15 They did so, and everyone was seated. 16 He took the five loaves and the two fish, looked up to heaven, blessed them, and broke them and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. 17 Everyone ate until they were full, and the disciples filled twelve baskets with the leftovers.

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them, and broke them and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. 17 Everyone ate until they were full, and the disciples filled twelve baskets with the leftovers.”

So, now we join with that crowd. Take your bread and break it like Jesus did and then eat it. As we do, we consider—and share—what does this mean? Really quick, turn to your neighbor and share one insight, one thing that stood out to you.

[Everyone shares.]

We're eating bread while listening to the Bread of Life, like those in the miracle!

Write down a key insight on your note sheet, under number three. *[Pause.]*

PP#11: Luke 9:1-36 (CEB)

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12 When the day was almost over, the Twelve came to Him and said, “Send the crowd away so that they can go to the nearby villages and countryside and find lodging and food, because we are in a deserted place.”

Got it? A couple little notes here. Verse 11, notice how even though Jesus was trying to meet with The 12 privately, He still welcomed the others when they found Him. We need to be more like Jesus and have extra grace to welcome others even when we didn't seek them out! And Jesus, then, continued on His 3rd tour of Galilee, now with The 12. This miracle, the Feeding of the 5,000, is the only miracle Jesus performed that's recorded in all four of the Gospels. It's important to see Jesus as the Giver of the Bread of Life.

PP#12: Luke 9:1-36 (CEB)

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Verse 13, can you feel the shock when Jesus told them to feed them? I mean, remember, He had given them His power to do miracles, right? But they aren't very confident yet. That'd be me! Verse 14 suggests that if there were 5,000 *men*, perhaps there were also 5,000 women and maybe 5,000 children, too? So, perhaps 10-15 thousand people! But having them sit in groups of 50 hearkened back to Exodus 18:21 when the Israelites were in camps in the wilderness under Moses. Pretty cool! And one more: Verse 16, there's a connection here, with the way Jesus prays and breaks the bread and hands it around, to the Last Supper. Make a note, “See Luke 22:19.”

PP#13: Sharing the Bread (Luke 9:1-36)

1. - [*Write in a key insight.*]
- How is my Bread (Jesus) sharing?
2. - [*Write in a key insight.*]
- Others/powers are confused by Jesus
3. - [*Write in a key insight.*]
- When God feeds, there's always more than enough!
4. -
5. -

But, the main application that I see here comes in the very last verse, verse 17. The bread that Jesus shares symbolizes His provision, both physically and spiritually. There is enough for everyone, and there is more than enough! There are leftovers! I just love this! When God feeds, there's always extra! And these leftovers symbolize Jesus' calling to go and keep sharing. It's like my mother, who grew up in The Depression: you never waste food! If you have extra, you go on a mission to find someone to feed. And let me tell you, she wouldn't stop until it got eaten. What a great image for us, as Jesus is our Bread of Life, of how we have been given so much more than we can want, and how we must keep going out to usher in God's Kingdom and share with still others. What a powerful visual for what the Church is all about! Maybe this is why all four Gospel accounts tell this.

PP#14: Luke 9:1-36 (CEB)

18 Once when Jesus was praying by Himself, the disciples joined Him, and He asked them, "Who do the crowds say that I am?"

19 They answered, "John the Baptist, others Elijah, and still others that one of the ancient prophets has come back to life."

20 He asked them, "And what about you? Who do you say that I am?"

Peter answered, "The Christ sent from God."

21 Jesus gave them strict orders not to tell this to anyone. 22 He said, "The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected—by the elders, chief priests, and the legal experts—and be killed and be raised on the third day."

Well, according to Matthew 16:13, by now Jesus and His disciples are way up in the north, near a town called Caesarea Philippi.

So, take out your fourth piece of bread and hold it. This is God's Word, the Bread of Life. Join me in reading it together. Verse 18:

"18 Once when Jesus was praying by Himself, the disciples joined Him, and He asked them, 'Who do the crowds say that I am?'"

"19 They answered, 'John the Baptist, others Elijah, and still others that one of the ancient prophets has come back to life.'

"20 He asked them, 'And what about you? Who do you say that I am?'"

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All right, pause here a moment. In your list of "Jesus Praying in Luke," add verse "9:18 Praying alone."

[Flip Chart List:

Jesus Praying in Luke:

3:21 Baptism

5:15 Withdrew

6:12 Discernment

9:18 Praying alone]

We see this is a regular, common practice of Jesus. And it says that the disciples joined Him. Make a note to verse 18 saying, “Me too!” This is especially true for Lent, as we are taking extra time to join Jesus in prayer. We learn who the crowds think Jesus might be, the same as they had reported to Herod up in verse 8. Draw an arrow from verse 19 to verse 8. Everyone’s confused. But the crucial question comes in verse 20, a question we each must ask. Make a note to verse 20 asking, “What’s my answer?” I hope you’ve heard a sermon on this passage. Every pastor must preach on this! Peter comes through with the right answer, at least for now. Jesus tells them not to say it too loudly because this can only be understood when we see the Christ suffering. Make a note to verse 22, “The Christ must suffer.” And then Jesus plainly explains His passion, death and resurrection. The angel even references this to them on Easter. Make a note to verse 22 saying, “Quoted in Luke 24:7.” But judging from their disbelief when it happened, their hearing wasn’t too good at the moment!

But right here, at this key juncture in Luke’s story, Jesus turns to the crowds and tells them plainly that following Him is not all about getting lots of bread and miracles and benefits. Actually, it’s costly and means great self-sacrifice.

PP#15: Luke 9:1-36 (CEB)

23 Jesus said to everyone, “All who want to come after me must say no to themselves, take up their cross daily, and follow me. 24 All who want to save their lives will lose them. But all who lose their lives because of me will save them. 25 What advantage do people have if they gain the whole world for themselves yet perish or lose their lives? 26 Whoever is ashamed of me and my words, the Son of Man will be ashamed of that person when He comes in His glory and in the glory of the Father and of the holy angels. 27 I assure you that some standing here won’t die before they see God’s kingdom.”

Still holding your bread, we keep reading. Verse 23:

“23 Jesus said to everyone, ‘All who want to come after me must say no to themselves, take up their cross daily, and follow me. 24 All who want to save their lives will lose them. But all who lose their lives because of me will save them. 25 What advantage do people have if they gain the whole world for themselves yet perish or lose their lives? 26 Whoever is ashamed of me and my words, the Son of Man will be ashamed of that person when He comes in His glory and in the glory of the Father and of the holy angels. 27 I assure you that some standing here won’t die before they see God’s kingdom.’”

So, finally!, eat your bread, and consider—and share—what does this mean? Turn to your neighbor and share one thing you noticed, one thing that stood out to you.

[Everyone shares.]

We’re eating bread that’s hard to swallow this time, aren’t we?

PP#16: Sharing the Bread (Luke 9:1-36)

1. - [*Write in a key insight.*]
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3. - [*Write in a key insight.*]
- When God feeds, there's always more than enough!
4. - [*Write in a key insight.*]
- True discipleship means dying to self
5. -

Write down a key insight on your note sheet, under number four. [*Pause.*]

There are crosses for everyone: for Jesus *and* for each of His followers. Not many of us actually die on crosses, thank the good Lord! But we must all die to self. This is a key component of true discipleship that is just so hard to swallow...and keep remembering. Make a note to verse 24 where Jesus says, "All who want to save their lives will lose them" saying, "Most quoted saying of Jesus." This is the only quote of Jesus in all four Gospels, and in Matthew and Luke Jesus says it twice. That makes this the most recorded quote of Jesus in the Bible. To get the true Bread of Life, we have to drop the other, empty bread that we think tastes better. This is the biggest challenge of the Christian life, I think, and the recurring point of Lent every year. *We have to die to self.* Oh how hard that is, and how sneakily selfishness creeps back in, even while we're watching for it. It was no easier for them in that day, either. This verse marks the transition from Jesus' popularity, to Jesus' rejection. The crowds now start to shrink and fewer people follow Him.

Verse 27 is confusing. Evidently, if you look at John 21:23, it was misunderstood by The 12 as well. Most likely it is referring to the Transfiguration, which although it's Luke's next story, it occurs about a week later. And the Transfiguration sets off the second half of Luke's Jesus story. Make a note to verse 28 and say "Compare Transfiguration to Baptism, see Luke 3:21." Jesus' first half of ministry starts with His baptism, swells with popularity and ends with a prediction of His death and resurrection. The second half of Jesus' ministry starts with His Transfiguration, swells with rejection and ends with His actual death and resurrection.

PP#17: Luke 9:1-36 (CEB)

28 About eight days after Jesus said these things, He took Peter, John, and James, and went up on a mountain to pray. 29 As He was praying, the appearance of His face changed and His clothes flashed white like lightning. 30 Two men, Moses and Elijah, were talking with Him. 31 They were clothed with heavenly splendor and spoke about Jesus' departure, which He would achieve in Jerusalem. 32 Peter and those with him were almost overcome by sleep, but they managed to stay awake and saw His glory as well as the two men with Him.

So, take your last piece of bread and let's read together. Verse 28:

"28 About eight days after Jesus said these things, He took Peter, John, and James, and went up on a mountain to pray. 29 As He was praying, the appearance of His face changed and His clothes flashed white like lightning. 30 Two men, Moses and Elijah, were talking with Him. 31 They were clothed with heavenly splendor and spoke about Jesus' departure, which He would achieve in Jerusalem. 32 Peter and those with him were almost overcome by sleep, but they managed to stay awake and saw His glory as well as the two men with Him."

Okay, pause here again for a couple of details. The mountain here probably is Mount Hermon, up in the north. Think Moses: we meet God on mountains. Notice again Jesus' inner circle: Peter, James and John, in verse 28. And Jesus is praying again! Make another entry in your list.

[Flip Chart List:

Jesus Praying in Luke:

3:21 Baptism

5:15 Withdrew

6:12 Discernment

9:18 Praying alone

9:28-29 Transfiguration]

We call this Jesus' Transfiguration because His appearance changed before their very eyes. Having committed that He would go die on the cross, His true, *divine* identity radiates through. Moses and Elijah—the Law giver and prince of the prophets, appear with Jesus, showing that Jesus fulfills the Law and Prophets. Draw an arrow up to verses 19 and 8. They were talking about how Jesus' death and resurrection would fulfill His earthly purpose as the Messiah, the Son of Man, and that after that He would return to glory. Evidently this all happened in the middle of the night.

PP#18: Luke 9:1-36 (CEB)

33 As the two men were about to leave Jesus, Peter said to Him, “Master, it’s good that we’re here. We should construct three shrines: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah”—but he didn’t know what he was saying. 34 Peter was still speaking when a cloud overshadowed them. As they entered the cloud, they were overcome with awe.

35 Then a voice from the cloud said, “This is my Son, my chosen one. Listen to Him!” 36 Even as the voice spoke, Jesus was found alone. They were speechless and at the time told no one what they had seen.

We keep reading, verse 33:

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“35 Then a voice from the cloud said, ‘This is my Son, my chosen one. Listen to Him!’ 36 Even as the voice spoke, Jesus was found alone. They were speechless and at the time told no one what they had seen.”

So, eat your last bread, and share: what do you see here this could mean? Turn to your neighbor and share one more time one thing you are thinking.

[*Everyone shares.*]

All right, good sharing! You’re getting the hang of this.

PP#19: Sharing the Bread (Luke 9:1-36)

1. - [*Write in a key insight.*]
- How is my Bread (Jesus) sharing?
2. - [*Write in a key insight.*]
- Others/powers are confused by Jesus
3. - [*Write in a key insight.*]
- When God feeds, there's always more than enough!
4. - [*Write in a key insight.*]
- True discipleship means dying to self
5. - [*Write in a key insight.*]
- Jesus is truly God's Son, so *listen* to Him!

Write down one last insight on your note sheet, under number five. [*Pause.*]

I bet you guessed mine! With Jesus' commitment to suffer and die on the cross, now we can finally see Jesus' true identity as the Messiah. God is pleased with Jesus' commitment to go the distance. God's plan of salvation will be achieved. Peter is wrong wanting to stay there in divine glory. Jesus came for a purpose, and that includes a cross. Same with us. We can't hang out just selfishly eating the Bread all for ourselves. Jesus came to be the Bread of Life, *shared*.

From here on out, Jesus leaves His Galilean ministry behind, and the rest of Luke's story is Jesus' long journey to Jerusalem. Make a note to verse 37 saying, "Jesus begins journey to Jerusalem."

As we sit around the fire having finished our bread, we each consider the big ideas we've noticed as we've followed Jesus this past week. We've done and seen amazing things. But we've also seen Jesus like never before. He's told us to pick up our crosses and follow Him. And we each ask ourselves: If this is what the Bread that truly satisfies is, are we truly willing to share in it?

Amen.

[Live Worship Only] CLOSING SONG: *It Is Finished* -Sanctify

OFFERING & ANNOUNCEMENTS -Pastor David

Wednesday night: Wed. meal: Grilled pork!

Grow groups, Echo, Youth Group

Next Sunday's message: Luke 9:36-51 "Halfway Turn"

Read ahead: Luke 9:36-51

MEMORY VERSE -Pastor David

"Then a voice from the cloud said, 'This is my Son, my chosen one. Listen to Him!'" -Luke 9:35

BENEDICTION -Pastor David**POSTLUDE -Sanctify (live)**