

## Lectio Divina

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- **Read and re-read**, out loud and slowly the Gospel
  - **Meditate** on reading as being spoken to you, an experience in your life
  - **Pray** - Thanksgiving – Repentance – Petition
  - **Action** – Attitude (Call to change / to act / to do)
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**June 23<sup>rd</sup> 2013      12<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time – Year C – Luke 9:18 - 24**

In this week's gospel Jesus asks the question "Who do the crowds say I am?" Jesus also speaks about the difficulties his chosen path will bring him but he is confident that he will eventually be victorious. We also have two of the most famous sayings of Jesus "If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let them renounce themselves, take up their cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake that person will be saved.

The question "Who am I" is a very sacred one. What would be our answer if asked this question? Do we give time to understand who we really are and appreciate that we are all unique individuals made in God's image and likeness?

### **Prayer:**

**Thank you** Lord for the occasions in our lives when we took time out with Jesus in the company of some friends and discovered many amazing things about ourselves and each other. We deepened our friendship because we had shared so deeply in the presence of Jesus and one another.

**Forgive us** for the times that we felt the need to be superior to others in order to establish our identity.

**Help us** to be more like Jesus and speak with respect and honesty while encouraging people to renounce natural desires for easy solutions to their problems.

