

“I Am A Disciple”

Luke 9:18-27

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I. WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM?

A. Decide What To Do With Jesus

Luke 9:20-22 Then [Jesus] said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” And Peter answered, “The Christ of God.” And he strictly charged and commanded them to tell this to no one, saying, “The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.”

B. SAVED Is Different Than Being A Disciple

II. BECOMING A DISCIPLE

Luke 9:23 And [Jesus] said to all, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.”

A. DENY Myself

Luke 9:24-26 “For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it. For what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses or forfeits himself? For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words, of him will the Son of Man be ashamed when he comes in his glory and the glory of the Father and of the holy angels.”

Luke 14:33 “So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.”

B. Take Up My CROSS

Luke 14:27 “Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.”

C. FOLLOW Jesus Towards What Is Best

Matthew 10:37-39 “Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.”

III. DEEPENING COMMITMENTS

A. A DAILY Commitment

Luke 9:23 “...take up his cross daily...”

B. A Commitment To LEARN

TOOLS FOR LEARNING

- The Bible
- Prayer
- Journal
- Life Groups

C. A Commitment To Make LEARNING FOLLOWERS

Matthew 28:19 “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,”

THE NEXT FAITHFUL STEP

1. Are you Learning? Discuss with family and friends this week if you feel like you are regularly learning more about Jesus or not. If not, why?

2. Deeper Commitment: To follow Jesus takes daily deepening commitments to deny yourself and faithfully follow. What is one spiritual discipline you would like to use as a tool to keep learning and growing? Set up a plan this week to practice it.