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LIFEgroup Discussion Questions

D: B1M1: Deny Self and Follow Jesus

March 1, 2015

Intro:

1. See how the week went.
2. See if anyone wants to share what God has been teaching them this week (Maybe in the daily devotionals through 1 John or share the memory verse – Deuteronomy 6.5.). Have them share. Maybe have someone share their story of faith.

Study:

1. Read 2 Corinthians 4.11. What does this and the following quote mean?

God means to fill the universe with the glory of His Son by putting the church on display as the embodiment of His Son. – John Piper

Discuss.

Read: Luke 9.10-26

2. What did the crowd believe about Jesus? Why were they following Him? What did they want? What do we learn about Jesus in His miraculous feeding of the crowd?
3. What did the twelve disciples believe about Jesus (9.20; Matthew 16.16)?
4. Jesus refers to what He will face, as He heads to the cross and then will be raised up on the third day (9.21-22). Jesus is preparing His disciples for what He is about to face, but what else is He preparing them personally for?
5. Being a disciple is not merely about physical blessings like the crowd wanted Jesus for, but is about living the crucified life. Look at the following verses and take some time to discuss what Jesus is saying to His disciples and to us.

Luke 9.23 – What does the following mean: *Anyone? Come after Me? Deny himself? Take up his cross? Follow Me?*

Luke 9.24 – What does it mean *to save his life and lose it, and lose one's life for Jesus' sake and save it?*

Luke 9.25 – What does it mean to *gain the whole world, and lose or forfeit himself?*

Luke 9.26 – What does it mean to be *ashamed of Jesus?*

6. Our faith can wane as evidence of the disciples when they want the crowd to leave and eventually want to buy food for the crowd, but they seem to forget and lose sight of something. What is that? As we follow Jesus what must we be fixed on and not lose sight of?

Pray