

What is Jesus' clear and vivid call to discipleship?

Were the disciples ready for it, are we?

Deny _____

Take up your cross _____

Follow. _____

In order to live this out, we need to:

Abandon _____
Luke 9:46-48, 9:51-56

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Luke 9:57-62

Follow _____
John 21:15-21

NEXT WEEK: Kingdom Come: Luke 10:1-24

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1. WELCOME

If anyone has had a significant event in their life this past week, give them a minute to share with the group. If necessary, take some time to pray for any immediate needs right at the beginning of the meeting.

2. VISION/PURPOSE

What if your small group fully embraced being disciples of Christ this year, what could you accomplish?

3. SMALL GROUP GUIDELINES

Review guidelines (Use "I" Statements, No Fixing, Confidentiality, Listening) that cultivate a healthy environment for sharing and discussion.

4. OPENING PRAYER

5. READ SCRIPTURE PASSAGE/TELL BIBLE STORY PASSAGE

6. DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Use a good mix of Head (informational/study) questions, Heart (personal reflection) questions, and Hand (practical application) questions. Below are questions your group can pick from to follow along with the sermon series.

7. PERSONAL SHARING AND PRAYER REQUESTS

You can share and pray in one group, in smaller groups, or in gender specific groups. Make sure that phone numbers are shared so that encouragement and connection can happen during the week.

QUESTIONS

WARM UP: *When was a time you were given a task or directions that weren't clear, how did that go?*

HEAD: These questions help us examine the Word.

1. Read Luke 9:18-24. Review all of the questions from verse 18-20 What was being asked, and who was asking the questions?
2. What does Peter's answer in verse 20 reveal about what he believed?
3. After Peter's answer, where did Jesus take the conversation and why? V.21-24.

HEART: These questions help us wrestle with what we believe.

4. What is Jesus after in our lives when he calls us to "deny ourselves, take up our cross daily and follow.?" Why is this important to him?
5. Are following Jesus and loving Jesus the same thing? John 21:15-21

HAND: These questions help us bring truth and beliefs into our everyday life.

6. What would it look like in your life to abandon preferences, abandon excuses, and follow?