

QUESTIONS FOR ADDITIONAL STUDY

1. Tell your story. Describe a time when you denied yourself something for the purpose of honoring God. How did you feel afterwards?

2. How would you explain to a new believer that “dying” to your own desires and yielding yourself to God is always the best choice?

3. Read the following passages and note what Jesus says about discipleship:
 - a) Isaiah 50:4
 - b) Matthew 10:42
 - c) Matthew 28:18-20
 - d) Luke 6:40
 - e) Luke 14:26-27
 - f) Luke 14:33
 - g) John 8:31-32

4. How does the command to “deny yourself” by Jesus differ from the world’s idea of “self-denial?”

5. What practical application are you going to make from this week’s message? (*Share your decision with another person.*)
 - I am going to encourage another believer who is struggling to yield their entire life to Jesus.
 - I am going to take some time in prayer to ask the Lord if there are areas in my life that need to be yielded to Him.
 - I am going to memorize Luke 6:40.

Cornerstone Church
Luke 9:23-26

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Study Series #042

Principles of True Discipleship

I. Introduction

A. The Story of Balto

(See John 15:13)

B. The Cost of Discipleship

(See Luke 9:20-22; Matthew 16:21-22)

II. The Principles of True Discipleship

A. Deny Yourself

(See Luke 9:23; Matthew 16:24; Mark 8:34; Acts 3:13-14; Matthew 26:70-72; Philippians 3:5-6; Acts 26:5; Galatians 1:14; Romans 7:18; Philippians 3:7-8)

“Do not imagine that if you meet a really humble man he will be what most people call ‘humble’ nowadays... He will not be thinking about humility: he will not be thinking about himself at all.”
C.S. Lewis, Mere Christianity

B. Take Up Your Cross

(See Luke 9:23; Matthew 16:24; Mark 8:34; Romans 12:1; I Corinthians 15:31)

C. Follow Jesus

(See Luke 9:23; Matthew 16:24; Mark 8:34; Matthew 7:21; Luke 6:46; John 14:15; John 15:10; John 15:14)

III. The Paradox of True Discipleship

A. If You Save Your Life, You Will Lose It

(See Luke 9:24; Matthew 16:25; Mark 8:35; Luke 17:33; Matthew 10:39; John 12:25)

B. If You Gain the World, You Will Lose Everything

(See Luke 9:25; Matthew 16:26; Mark 8:36-37; I John 2:16)

C. If You are Ashamed of Jesus, He Will be Ashamed of You

(See Luke 9:26; Mark 8:38; Matthew 10:32-33; Psalm 25:3; Philippians 3:19; II Thessalonians 1:6-10; Daniel 7:9-10; Revelation 20:11-15; Romans 1:16; II Timothy 1:8; II Timothy 1:12; II Timothy 2:15; Hebrews 2:11; I Peter 4:16)

IV. Conclusion

If you would like to know more about what it means to be a Christian, or if you would like to talk with someone or have someone pray for you, please see the pastor after the service and he or one of our church leaders will be glad to speak with you.

Passage of Study

Luke 9:23-26

²³ And He was saying to *them* all, “If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow Me. ²⁴ For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake, he is the one who will save it. ²⁵ For what is a man profited if he gains the whole world, and loses or forfeits himself? ²⁶ For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when He comes in His glory, and *the glory* of the Father and of the holy angels.

Parallel Passage of Study

Matthew 16:24-27

²⁴ Then Jesus said to His disciples, “If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me. ²⁵ For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it; but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. ²⁶ For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? ²⁷ For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of His Father with His angels and will then repay every man according to his deeds.

Parallel Passage of Study

Mark 8:34-38

³⁴ And He summoned the crowd with His disciples, and said to them, “If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me. ³⁵ For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel’s will save it. ³⁶ For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world, and forfeit his soul? ³⁷ For what will a man give in exchange for his soul? ³⁸ For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will also be ashamed of him when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels.”

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