

DISCIPLE

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From the Life of Jesus

Loosing Life to Find Life – the Heart of Discipleship. Luke 9:23-26

 Disciples are believers who have surrendered their whole self to Jesus.

- Lk. 9:23 And he said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. (ESV) (See also, Matt 16:24, Mark 8:34)
- Luke 14:26-27

Matt. 10:35-38 "For I came to SET A MAN AGAINST HIS FATHER, AND A DAUGHTER AGAINST HER MOTHER, AND A DAUGHTER-IN-LAW AGAINST HER MOTHER-IN-LAW; 36 and A MAN'S ENEMIES WILL BE THE MEMBERS OF HIS HOUSEHOLD. 37 "He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. 38 "And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me. (NAU)

- Disciples are called to take up their "cross," daily.
- What did the "cross" represent to Jesus?
- Is our cross different since we are called to carry it daily?
- Will the cross of Jesus bring satisfaction if I take it up?

- 3. When believers become disciples, the power of the cross is passed on, it is "contagious."
 - A. Promise is activated. Luke 9:24
 - B. The spiritually dead come to life. Col 2:13-14
 - C. We stand in grace. Rom 5:2

Next steps.

- 1. "Pass it on" to one person this week. Give someone the opportunity to discover the power of the cross of Jesus.
- 2. Is there anything in your life keeping you from saying, "I have given my whole life to Jesus"? Put it at the foot of the cross today.

There are three steps to "discipleship," all of which are an ongoing process.

- 1. Believer committed to knowing more of Jesus. A "pupil" of Jesus.
- 2. Follower who integrates Jesus' teachings into his or her life.
- 3. Believer committed to "passing on" to others what Jesus has given them.