

Portrait of a Disciple
Luke 9:18-27

- The central issue in following Jesus is _____
_____ in Him. (vs. 18-20)

- As a true believer, Jesus is calling me to _____
_____. (vs. 23a, 24)

- As a true believer, Jesus is calling me to _____
_____. (vs. 23b, 25)

- As a true believer, Jesus is calling me to _____
_____. (vs. 23c, 26)

QUESTIONS FOR FURTHER REFLECTION:

1. Jesus' first question in verse 18 was "who do people say that I am?"
What do you think the average person believes about Jesus?

2. How would you answer Jesus' question to Peter: *who do you say that I am?* Do you think your life reflects your answer?

3. Read Philippians 2:5-11. Jesus has shown the ultimate example of self-denial. What are some specific ways in which Jesus "denied Himself"? What could this self-denial look like in your life?

4. Scott spoke Sunday of a true believer's call to willing sacrifice. In Jesus' words, we're called to "take up our cross daily." What do you think that means in your daily life? What might God be calling you to surrender to Him? What areas are you most prone to make "off limits" to God?

5. The call to follow Jesus is a call to imitate Him. In what ways do you think your life imitates Him? Where in your life do you see the greatest need for growth and change?