

Scriptures: Luke 9:23-25, Luke 57-62, & Luke 14:25-33
Sermon title: Encounters: Come die with me

Becoming like Jesus is **the lifelong formation of the life of Christ in us**; we see as He sees, feel as He feels, & do as He does.

- Rest** in the work of Jesus
- Take up** the cross of Jesus
- Put on** the mind of Jesus
- Practice** the habits of Jesus

Become like Jesus by **taking up the cross of Jesus**.

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Luke 9:23-25

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Jesus says **come die with me & live**.

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For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and *count the cost*, whether he has enough to complete it?

Luke 14:28

Jesus says **do a cost-benefit analysis**.

The equations:

“_____” - **Jesus** = Loss/Nothing

Jesus - “_____” = Gain/Everything

Jesus + “anything” = Loss/Nothing

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As they were going along the road, **someone said to him**, “I will follow you wherever you go.” ⁵⁸ And **Jesus said to him**, “Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.” ⁵⁹ **To another he said**, “Follow me.” **But he said**, “Lord, let

me first go and bury my father.”⁶⁰ **And Jesus said to him**, “Leave the dead to bury their own dead. But as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.” ⁶¹**Yet another said**, “I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home.” ⁶²**Jesus said to him**, “No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is *fit for the kingdom of God.*”
Luke 9:57-62

Jesus says *prioritize His priorities.*

take up *his* cross daily and follow me.

Whoever does not bear *his own cross* and come after me cannot be my disciple.
Luke 14:25-23

The ABC’s of a cruciform life.

Adore Jesus

For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.
Psalm 84:10

Address the sin in your life.

For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.
Romans 8:13

Befriend confession & repentance

Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.
Proverbs 28:13

Choose love & service.

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³ Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.
John 15:12-13