

### Message Summary

It can be tempting to keep parts of our life hidden or apart from Jesus, but there's joy and freedom when we choose to surrender everything to Him.

### Key Scripture

*And He was saying to them all, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow Me." Luke 9:23 LSB*

### Additional Scriptures

- Luke 9:20 LSB
- Luke 9:24 LSB
- Luke 9:25 ESV
- Luke 3:22 ESV
- Luke 4:18 CSB
- Luke 9:18 LSB

### Start Talking

*Find a conversation starter for your group.*

- Who or what are you a fan of?

### Start Thinking

*Ask a question to get your group thinking.*

- What are some differences between a fan and a follower? What does it look like to be a follower of Jesus, and not just a fan?
- Read **Luke 9:23**. What is your thought process when Jesus says to deny yourself? What does this practically look like?

### Start Sharing

*Choose a question to create openness.*

- When have you wrestled with believing that Jesus is who He says He is? What was that experience like, and what did you learn about Him?
- Share one way you are currently putting God in a box. What would it look like to surrender that area to God?

### Start Praying

*Father, thank You for inviting us to follow You. Please help us see any areas of our lives where we're not fully surrendered to You. Help us to trust You with our entire selves, honoring You with every area of our lives. In Jesus' name, amen.*

### Start Doing

- Find one small way that you can surrender to God this week and do it consistently each day.
- Start the *Growing Your Faith* Bible Plan using Plans With Friends: [www.go2.lc/growingfaith](http://www.go2.lc/growingfaith)
- Consider how you could love others by serving on the weekend or with a Local Mission Partner.