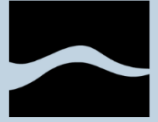


SERMON NOTES

FAITH TO DENY YOURSELF

Luke 9:23-27



BIG IDEA: Endurance will require faith to live a life of self-denial and self-sacrifice.

APPLICATION GUIDE

October 24, 2021

DISCUSS

What are the greatest threats to living out the call of Christian discipleship?

Read Luke 12:13-20. How does this story illustrate the idea of gaining the whole world at the expense of losing your soul found in Luke 9:25?

In what circumstances might a Christian today be considered *ashamed* of Christ and his words (Luke 9:26)?

How does Luke 9:27-39 give hope to those who heed the call of discipleship?

APPLY

How is God asking you to live a life of self-denial and self-sacrifice?

What does it mean today for you to bear your cross?

What earthly loves or pursuits might put you in danger of losing your soul if you don't hold them loosely?

How does the danger of Christ being ashamed of you when he comes again affect your response to the call of discipleship?

What hope do you have as you seek to heed the call of Christian discipleship?

COMMIT

In what ways might you be called this week to live or speak for Jesus? Pray for God to give you boldness to talk about Jesus without fear or shame (cf. Ephesians 6:18-20).