



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS – LUKE 9:23-27

1. Was there anything about the message/passage today that you'd like to discuss further?
2. What's the difference between Jesus' approach to finding yourself and our cultures approach to finding yourself?
3. What comes to your mind when you hear Jesus say take up your cross? What would've entered the minds of the original hearers?
4. How is it, that and trying to gain the whole world we end up losing our life? How do we see this dynamic play itself out today?
5. Why do you think Jesus makes self-denial so central to being a follower of his? Share a time in which growth in godliness required your self-denial.
6. Discuss what self-denial looks like in various different spheres of life. (Marriage, singleness, parenting, workplace, church, leisure, vacation, politics, government, etc)
7. Share a time in which self-denial resulted in a spiritual breakthrough. Discuss each stage of the process and how you kept yourself disciplined through the difficult times.
8. Contrast Jesus' invitation for discipleship with our modern approaches to evangelism. What things need to change and why so that we more accurately represent the message of the Gospel according to Jesus
9. What did Jesus mean when he said that some of the people standing there would not taste death until they saw the kingdom of God?
10. What practical changes will you make to your life this week so that you can continue growing in your relationship with the Lord?