



When Jesus Asks You: Will you really lay down your life for me?

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Small Group Discussion Questions

Getting Started

Take some time to catch up and connect as a group. Pray before discussion.
Expect God to move through your time together!

Pacing Your Group

Move quickly through "observation" leaving enough time for "reflection", "discussion", and "surrender."

Scripture Reading

Re-read the scripture passages as needed when you discuss the questions.

Observation: *What does this scripture passage say?*

Take some time to look up and read out loud together: John 13:33-38

1. Where is Jesus going that the disciples cannot come?
2. How will everyone know that a disciple of Jesus is actually a disciple of Jesus?

Reflection and Discussion: *What are some first thoughts flowing from the scriptures?*

How do the scriptures connect to everyday life.

3. The command to "Love one another" is not a new command in the sense that it has never been commanded before. (See Leviticus 19:18) How then is this a "new command" in relation to one disciple of Jesus loving other disciples of Jesus? What is the purpose of this kind of love.
4. What did Jesus mean when he told Peter "'Where I am going, you cannot follow now, **but you will follow later.**"?
5. Jesus tells Peter that he will "deny" him three times. This "deny" is the same word Jesus uses when he says if someone wants to follow him let him "deny himself, take up his cross, and follow Me" (Mark 8:34). What does it mean for us to obey Jesus' command and not model Peter's?
6. For us to lay down our life for Jesus will practically mean we are loving our neighbors and other disciples of Jesus when it is hard. Who in your life are you laying your life down for in this way and how can we as a group encourage you in this task?

Surrender: *Responding to God's voice.*

7. What is one thing God is saying to you through this study and discussion?

**** Take some time to pray for one another in response to what has been discussed today ****

We're here!

We would love to hear about how things are going in your life group!
Reach out any time with questions, ideas, thoughts, or concerns.
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