

Community Group Discussion Guide

Sunday, July 23, 2023

Scripture: Luke 9:23-27



THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

Jesus teaches the cost of what it means to follow him.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION *(Use along with Reading: Ante Faciem Dei)*

- Whom is Jesus addressing in this passage (verse 23)? How does this shape the context of the text?
- Discuss the three characteristics of discipleship (verse 23):
 - What does it mean to deny ourselves? How did Jesus himself demonstrate self-denial?
 - How do we daily take up our cross? What are some ways you attempt to avoid bearing our cross? How can we willingly follow Christ into suffering?
 - Why do we sometimes choose to follow our own way rather than humbly follow Jesus? What areas of your life do you need to surrender to Jesus to faithfully follow him?
- How does our perspective of the world change as we pursue Christ (verse 25; Mark 10:17-22)? Discuss why Jesus is more valuable and glorious than what the world offers.
- What is the cost of denying Christ (verse 26)? How does Jesus' warning propel us into gospel mission? Discuss the various interpretations of Jesus' words in verse 27. How have you witnessed and experienced the kingdom of God?