

# OUTRAGEOUS

STUFF JESUS SAID

## Life Group Questions: The Cost of Following Jesus

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### Read

Luke 9:23

### Reflect

Jesus called many people to follow him... but few did. At one point, Jesus sees many of the disciples who were following him leave. Only the Twelve stayed with him throughout his ministry. If Jesus wants everyone to have a relationship with him, why does he make it so hard?

Pastor Josh Walters gave us three things we must do if we want to follow Jesus:

- Deny myself
- Take up my cross daily and
- Follow him

Read over those three things. Do you struggle with any of them in particular? Why are these things so challenging for us to do?

Pastor Josh also gave us three ways we can learn how to follow Jesus:

1. Through the power of the Holy Spirit
  - a. When we try to follow Jesus through the strength of our own willpower, we fail. Are you depending on your own strength right now? How can you begin to rely more on the power of the Holy Spirit?
2. In a community of believers
  - a. We were not created to go through life alone. We need to live in community with others. Are you avoiding community? How is the community around you feeding your life right now? How are you feeding them?
3. One day at a time
  - a. Following Jesus takes a lifetime. We will fall, and then we'll get up and fall again. Following Jesus is not about having a successful life; it's not even about doing more good than bad. It is about learning more and more each day to turn towards Jesus. Spend some time in reflection: don't worry about tomorrow, what do you need from Jesus today?

What was your biggest take-away from the weekend message?

### Respond

- What do you feel like God is asking you to do in response to the weekend message? What is your next step?
- How can your Small Group support you and hold you accountable in this?