

RED LETTER JESUS

A look at Jesus' own words and
what He calls us to do.

SERMON DISCUSSION SHEET

CONNECT

Each week, questions will be provided to help individuals and groups connect with the sermon and grow deeper in faith. The following questions, prompts and discussion points are meant to help guide both personal devotion and small group conversation. Be open and flexible to additional questions.

- Encourage everyone to share a highlight or lowlight from their week.
- Was there anything that caught your attention or challenged you from the message?

GROW

Read Luke 9:23-26, as well as Matt. 16:24-27 and Mark 8:34-38. Who was around Jesus when he was speaking in this passage? What must a person do in order to follow Christ?

The first two components of Jesus' call to discipleship is to deny self and to take up your cross. Share the story of when you embraced the power of Christ to save you.

Why do you think Jesus called the crowd of people together before he made the statement in Luke 9:23? Why is it significant that "the crowd" needed to learn what true discipleship is? Are you part of "the crowd"?

How would you put into your own words what Jesus meant by "denying yourselves" and "losing your life"?

Why do you think Jesus used the word "ashamed" in Luke 9:26? Also, what did Jesus mean when he stated that the Son of Man will come "in his glory and the glory of the Father and of the holy angels"?

What would you say is the hardest part about being a follower of Christ?

Do you struggle with denying yourself and being willing to suffer for the sake of Christ? What does "denying self" and "taking up your cross daily" look like in your own life?

What areas of life, or temptations, are keeping you from being a committed follower? What do you need help/encouragement/accountability with in your life to be a better follower?

Are there times when you are ashamed of being a follower of Christ? If so, when and why?

How can your group encourage one another to stay committed to a life of self-denial and suffering?

PRAYER

Spend intentional time together in prayer this week. Share prayer requests.