

Home Group Discussion Guide

Discipleship Costs?

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The following questions are designed to help groups explore the message above by challenging participants to consider how God is wanting them to apply it to their lives.

The questions are a **guide** to help lead discussion.

Please don't feel that all questions need to be asked, instead respond to the needs of your group. If you have new people in your group, take the opportunity to introduce each other and clarify any expectations that are present in your group (such as confidentiality).

GETTING STARTED

1. Can you think of a time when you didn't consider the cost before volunteering or attempting something? What happened?
2. What was the main challenge or idea that stood out to you from the message on Sunday?

REFLECTING ON THE MESSAGE

Key Scripture: Mark 8:34-9:1

(Read Mark 8:34-9:1)

1. What were you told about the cost of discipleship when you first started following Jesus?
2. Jesus tells the crowd "...*anyone who wants to be my disciple MUST...*"
 - a. Deny Themselves
 - b. Take Up Their Cross
 - c. Follow Jesus

What do these things look like practically in our lives?

3. Jesus is hoping to shift the crowd's attention from human concerns to the concerns of God. Where does your focus get caught on Temporary, Earthly concerns?
4. In 9:1, Jesus reveals that some of those in the crowd will see the Kingdom of God come in power (Jesus' resurrection). What hope does this give us today?

RESPONDING TO THE MESSAGE

1. Is there one of the 3 things Jesus calls His disciples to that God is challenging you with? If you are comfortable, share what that is.
2. What would it look like for you to practically shift that focus to Eternal things this week?

OPPORTUNITY FOR PRAYER

Our Home Groups are the primary place for pastoral care to occur within the Church. We would encourage you to take the opportunity to pray for each other in this space.

