



<u>Oct 2nd, 2022 – The Journey</u>

This guide is designed to give helpful hints in preparing for your group discussion.

Quick Review

Look back from your sermon notes – Was there anything that particularly challenged you from this sermon? Anything you didn't understand, agree with or connect with?

Digging In

<u>Question 1: Read Luke 9:57-62.</u> We looked at this passage that seems like Jesus was being very harsh with people wanting to follow Him. What is Jesus trying to show these people what it means to truly follow Him? Based on this passage, how do you think Jesus would like for you to re-prioritize things in your own life?

Write down your thoughts to this statement – "The Journey requires you and I to put Jesus first!"

Question 2: Read Ephesians 6:10-17, Galatians 5:16-17, 1 John 3:13. The path to following Jesus is full of "twists and turns", as we mentioned last week. Why do you think following Jesus is more of a battle or fight than it is a journey on a vacation? In your own life, how can you see a battle with these three categories? Write down ways you know you are attacked in of these categories and how God has given you the ability to defend against them.

- The Devil -
- Your Flesh –
- The World -

Question 3: Read Luke 14:25-33. This passage seems impossible to follow. Jesus is asking his followers to "hate" their families, spouses, parents, and even their own life. Obviously, God has given all those things to us as "gifts" (Ephesians 5:25, Prov 18:22, Psalm 127:3), so Jesus does not mean we ought to literally hate them. What is Jesus trying to get his followers to understand about being his disciple? How does this change the way you follow Jesus? Have you ever asked the question to yourself "what am I renouncing in my own life to follow Jesus?" Luke 14:33.

Question 4: Read Mark 10:28-31. Peter and the disciples had literally left everything they had to follow Jesus. This does not mean you and I are called to leave our families, marriages or even our jobs necessarily. But Jesus is going after our hearts, the motivation behind why we follow him. The question is – are you willing to

abandon the things Jesus is asking you to so you can use it for His kingdom? Are you available to do what Jesus asks of you?

Taking it Home

Reflect on this statement and how it relates to your walk with Jesus.

"The goal of discipleship is to become like Jesus himself; to think as he thought, to feel as he felt, to act as he acted, desire what he desired."

Praise / Prayer Requests

Pray for your group with these things in mind:

<u>Adoration</u> – How can I praise God for what this teaches me? <u>Confession</u> – What sin can I confess because of what this teaches me? <u>Thanksgiving</u> – How can I thank God for what Jesus has done? <u>Supplication</u> – What do I need to ask of God in order to grow in light of this?