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Daily Discipleship

Discussion Guide
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Luke 9:18-25

Questions for Study

** Before you begin, please read Luke 9:18-25 as a group.

1. Name 1-2 role models that have shaped who you are today. In what specific ways have they shaped how you live?
2. Look closely at Luke 9:20-22. What do we learn here about Jesus' identity?
3. Now read Luke 9:23. How does Jesus' identity as a suffering Messiah influence what it means to follow Him?
4. In Luke 9:23-25, we discover that following Jesus – being His disciple – will cost us more than what is comfortable and convenient. What observations from these verses drive home this point?
5. Has following Jesus "cost" you anything? What has it looked like for you to "deny yourself" and "take up your cross" and follow Jesus?
6. The great message of the gospel is that salvation is a free gift of God (see Ephesians 2:8-9). And in Luke 9:23-24 we see that following Jesus costs us something – we need to "lose our lives" for Jesus' sake. How do you explain the apparent tension created by these twin truths?
7. In Luke 9:23-25 we also see that following Jesus offers us far more than we could ever imagine (verse 24 says "...whoever loses their life for me *will save it*"). *What surpassingly-great benefits does Jesus offer?*
8. Why is it important to keep in mind BOTH what following Jesus costs and what following Jesus offers? What happens if we emphasize only one of these and neglect the other?
9. In Luke 9:23 Jesus tells us that this posture of following Him is one we take up DAILY. Why is that word "daily" important? What can happen if we forget to cultivate this posture of the heart on a daily basis?
10. Three habits that can help you practice self-denial were mentioned in the sermon. After each of these habits listed below, explain how they help cultivate an attitude of self-denial, and what practical steps you can take this week to apply this habit:
 - The decision to follow Jesus (and not yourself):
 - The decision to embrace humility:
 - The decision to advance Jesus' mission (and not your own):
11. **Challenge: Memorize Luke 9:23:** "Then [Jesus] said to them all: 'Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.'"