

The Heart of the Matter

12. For you to be His disciple, in what ways are you not: denying yourself, taking up your cross daily, or following Him? What needs to change for you to improve in these areas?

13. Have you ever been ashamed of Jesus? When? What can you do to stand boldly for Him in the future?

14. What steps do you need to take right now to demonstrate your commitment to Christ in no uncertain terms?

15. The Great Commission in Matthew 28:18-20 calls us to make disciples. Who is someone you could disciple right now?

Prayer Requests:



Life Group Study Guide

Be One/Make One Luke 9:23-24 For the Week of January 24, 2021

Getting Started

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling?
2. When you were a teenager, how did peer pressure affect your choice of clothes? Music? Friends?
3. Who has been a role model in your life? In what way have you exemplified their character qualities in your own life?

Digging Deeper

4. In Luke 9:18, Jesus asks His disciples “Who do the crowds say I am?” What answers did the disciples give in verse 19? What did Peter declare in verse 20?

5. What were the implications of Peter’s answer in verse 20 for the other disciples? What are the implications for us today? Why would Jesus be interested in this opinion poll in the first place?

6. In verse 21, why doesn’t Jesus want them to tell anyone He is the Christ? What are two possible premature outcomes that could happen if word got out about who Jesus was? (John 5:18; 6:15)

7. What is the essence of what Jesus communicates to His disciples in verses 23-27? What is he trying to accomplish with His disciples?

8. From verses 23-27 what are the activities and attitudes that are required in following Christ?

9. What does it mean for us to deny ourselves? What does it mean for us to take up our cross daily? What are the implications of following Jesus?

10. Verses 24 and 25 contain iconic sound bites from the words of Jesus. What is Jesus trying to convey to us through these incredible words?

11. In verses 26-27 Jesus outlines one more admonition for His disciples in this passage. What are the implications of our being ashamed of Jesus or His words?