

REVIEW

What all did the disciples give up to follow Jesus? What would happen if you suddenly left your family, career, and home to follow a stranger?

How has a clear view of your sin helped you see your need for God?

What does it look like for you to “walk the same road” as Jesus?

How did you encounter Jesus for the first time? What fears did you have about following Jesus when you first believed? How have those fears evolved since you first became a Christian?

BIBLE EXPLORATION

Luke 9:23–26. What does it mean to deny yourself? What sorts of things should we deny? What does it look like for you to deny yourself on a daily basis?

What does Jesus mean when He says we need to be willing to take up our cross? What does that look like in our everyday lives?

Luke 9:21–22. How does thinking of following Jesus in terms of His death shape the way you think about being a Christian?

What additional benefits have you experienced throughout your walk with Jesus? How has knowing Him blessed you?

What have been the most difficult moments in following Jesus? How did those experiences grow your faith?

Luke 14:25–33. When have you had to give up something for God? How did that situation play out? What did you learn through the process? What are the things in your life that are difficult to give up?

Philippians 3:7–11. How does Paul view the things that were once gains for him? What is more important to Paul? What does Jesus offer that's so much better?

What has been the best part about knowing Jesus for you? What has He taught you?

What do you love most about Jesus's character? How have you seen that aspect of His character in your life?

What drew you to Jesus for the first time? Since then, how has your journey with Jesus been worth it?

In what ways is Jesus leading you? What do you think might be your next step of faith or sacrifice?

Romans 8:35–39. How do these verses put following Jesus into perspective? How does it feel knowing that Jesus loves you and nothing can separate you from His love?

DEEPER WALK

Select at least one activity below to complete before next week.

Read: Read chapters 3 and 4 from Leslie's book *Crossing the Waters*.

Surrender: Write down all the things that you're afraid to surrender to God. Pray through that list this week and ask God to give you the boldness to surrender those things to Him.

Worship: Listen and sing along to some of your favorite worship songs about God's love. Pray as you worship, thanking God for saving you.

Create: Do an art project this week to remind you of what it means to follow Jesus. Write one of the verses from the lesson in calligraphy, paint a picture of a cross, or come up with your own craft idea.

Memorize: Choose Luke 9:23–24, Philippians 3:7–11, or Romans 8:38–39 to memorize this week. If you want to challenge yourself, try memorizing all three.