

Deny Your Dark Side Discussion Questions

Luke 9:23a

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1. Read Genesis 6:5, Ecclesiastes 9:3, Jeremiah 17:9 and Mark 7:20-23. What do they say about the heart? Why is it dangerous to follow your heart?
2. How do we lead our heart?
3. What did Bonhoeffer mean when he said, "Salvation is free, but discipleship will cost you your life?"
4. What choice are you making regarding discipleship?
5. Read Psalm 73:25. How much desire do you have to be a disciple? Can you say the same as the Psalmist did in this verse?
6. What would people watching your life believe is what you desire most in this world?
7. Do you feel qualified to disciple someone else? Why or why not? If you don't feel qualified, what do you feel you need, to make yourself feel more qualified to disciple someone else? If you feel qualified, who are you discipling or going to disciple?
8. What happens when we live life the way we want? What do we want when we experience the consequences of living that way?
9. What blessings do we receive by living our life according to God's Word?
10. Read Luke 9:23. What does denial mean? What have you denied to follow Christ? Do you regret this decision or happy about it? What did it cost you and what did you gain from it?
11. What is the difference between denying self and self-denial?
12. Are there areas of your life where you are living for yourself? Will you surrender these to God and make Him Lord over every area of your life? If so, take time to do so right now.
13. How does your life feel when you are living for yourself? How does that compare to the way it feels when you are living for Christ?
14. Ultimately, who are we serving when we live for ourselves?
15. Why can't we fully follow Christ and live the way we want to?