

# Daily Embrace the Lord's Will Discussion Questions

Luke 9:23b

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1. Read Luke 9:23. What does it mean to pick up your cross?
2. What cross are you bearing for Christ?
3. Is the cross you mentioned something you chose or is it one you are required to carry?
4. Why is it important that picking up our cross is a choice we must make?
5. Do we get to choose the burdens we carry? Explain.
6. We choose to carry our cross, but God decides what burdens may come with that cross. Why is it good we don't get to choose the burdens and God does?
7. Think about the burdens of the person sitting next to you? How would you struggle under their load?
8. Why can't we carry someone else's cross?
9. What have you lost in deciding to follow Christ? What have you gained?
10. Is there anything you are not willing to lose to follow Christ? Why must we be willing to lose everything?
11. In what ways are you self-centered? How are you fulfilling yourself? How are you promoting yourself? What do you need to sacrifice to focus more on the mission?
12. Why isn't the decision to carry your cross a one-time decision? Why does it have to be made daily?
13. Have you ever questioned a decision you made that you felt God was calling you to make? Explain.
14. Once we have decided to "take up our cross" does it make our life easier? Does it make it harder? Explain.
15. Have you ever thought that if I am doing God's will, things should go smoothly for me? Is this true or false? Why?
16. What is the danger in thinking I shouldn't have struggles since I am following God?
17. What are some of the struggles Bible characters had while following God?
18. Read 1 Corinthians 15:31, Galatians 2:20, Galatians 5:24, Galatians 6:14. How does seeing ourselves as crucified with Christ, give us power to live the Christian life?
19. Which of Charles Spurgeon's encouragements helps you the most to choose to take up your cross daily?
20. Read Hebrews 12:2. How is discipleship a delight?