

Recap the Sermon

1. What impacted you most from the message?

Open Up

2. What do you value most in life?

Digging In

Read Luke 9:23-26

3. What is Christ calling us to? (v. 23)
4. What should our motive be as we live for Christ? (v. 24)
5. What is at stake in the choices we make in following Christ? (vs. 25-26)

Life Application

According to Ephesians 2:8, the scripture says, "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is a gift of God." Our salvation rests solely in the hands of God through the substitutionary death of His son Jesus Christ. Without straying away from this principle of grace, Jesus calls us to responsibility as believers. Consider the next questions carefully as they relate to your life.

1. How would you describe the balance between God's grace and our own responsibility?
2. How would you describe a disciple of Jesus Christ?
3. Would you consider yourself a disciple of Jesus?

Read James 2:14-19

4. According to James, what is the direct result of faith?
5. Restate James 2:14-19 in your own words.

Wrap Up

Our redemption is through faith in Jesus Christ, undeniably. A direct by-product of such faith is a selfless desire to be Christ in our world. Faith in Christ breeds a disciple of Christ. The two are hand in hand. Just like James writes about the connection between faith and works, you cannot have one without the other. A pure motive to love and serve Christ translates into a pure motive to love and serve those around us. The book of John talks about this identifiable mark of Christ's disciples, "By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." (John 13:35)