

Text: Luke 9:23-26

Topics: Discipleship, Following Christ

Series: Mission Impossible: Make Disciple-Makers

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A Profit/Loss Analysis

Review:

I. A Threefold Call (23)

A disciple is one who surrenders self-will to follow Jesus.

II. A Threefold Cost vs Gain (24-26)

The gain in following Jesus far outweighs the cost.

Joyful surrender is a characteristic of an Everyday Disciple!

Application Questions - These questions are provided for your further study and application of the subject of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out answers to these questions will help drive home the point. They are designed to be discussed in your home, with other believers, and in a Life Group for even more benefit.

1. Think about the charge Jesus gave in Matthew 28:16-20. Have you been effective in carrying it out? What's most challenging? Have you learned anything helpful and encouraging about it in the last few weeks?

2. Read Luke 9:23-26. What word or phrase jumps out to you? Why?

3. Briefly explain each of the three word-phrases Jesus used to describe what is required to be His disciple in Luke 9:23.

Summarize this in a word or phrase. What is your initial reaction to entering into a life like this?

Surrendering self-will to the will of God is not easy. What are some of the aspects that make it hard? What helps you to live a surrendered life?

4. Jesus used three paradoxical statements in Luke 9:24-26 to teach the gain verses the cost of a surrendered life. Briefly compare the gain verses the cost of each one.

Knowing this should help a disciple find joy in surrender to Christ. How can you practically apply this to your daily life?