



Week of March 21, 2021

Discussion Questions:

1. Why do we struggle with following someone else's authority? Even when we believe God wants what is best for us, what makes it hard to surrender?
2. Paul said "You are too small a purpose to live for." How have you seen that play out in your life or someone around you? What is the healthy way to care for yourself but not live for yourself?
3. Read Luke 14:25-27. If you had been there that day benefitting from Jesus' miracles and listening to His teaching, what do you think you would have felt when he taught these words? What is the hardest part of this for you?
4. Read Mark 8:34-35. What does it mean to lose your life for Jesus? How do we apply this on a weekly basis in our lives?
5. Think of a situation you are facing this week. Ask yourself the question, "What does love require of me?" Then do it! Share with this group your action step so we can be praying for you.

Moving Forward

“This is the true joy in life, the being used for a purpose recognized by yourself as a mighty one; the being a force of nature instead of a feverish, selfish little clod of ailments and grievances complaining that the world will not devote itself to making you happy. I am of the opinion that my life belongs to the whole community, and as long as I live, it is my privilege to do for it whatever I can. I want to be thoroughly used up when I die, for the harder I work, the more I live. I rejoice in life for its own sake. Life is no “brief candle” for me. It is a sort of splendid torch which I have got hold of for the moment, and I want to make it burn as brightly as possible before handing it on to future generations.”

George Bernard Shaw

Luke 14:25-27

Large crowds were traveling with Jesus, and turning to them He said: ²⁶ “If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, even their own life—such a person cannot be my disciple. ²⁷ And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

Mark 8:34-35

Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵ For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it.