



## Intentional Discipleship | Luke 9:23

1. When you hear Jesus' words in Gospel of Luke 9:23: "*deny themselves, take up their cross daily, and follow me*", which part of that statement do you find most challenging or striking? Why?
2. It was suggested that denying ourselves means learning to see life the way Jesus sees it. What might this look like in everyday decisions?
3. Jesus says disciples must take up their cross *daily*. What kinds of small, everyday sacrifices might following Jesus involve in our context today?
4. Following Jesus is not just about walking with him ourselves, but about helping others learn to walk with him too. What does that idea stir in you?
5. Intentional discipleship was described as **relational**, shaped through shared life and community.
  - a. **As a disciple:**  
Who has significantly shaped your faith through relationship? What did they do that helped you grow?
  - b. **As someone who disciples others:**  
How might you intentionally invest in someone else relationally; sharing life, encouragement, and spiritual support?
6. Intentional discipleship was highlighted as **developmental**, helping the whole person grow.
  - a. **As a disciple:**  
In what areas of your life do you sense God is currently growing or stretching you (spiritually, relationally, emotionally, or practically)?
  - b. **As someone who disciples others:**  
How could you support someone else's growth in a way that helps the whole person mature in Christ?
7. Intentional discipleship becomes **transformational** when disciples make more disciples.
  - a. **As a disciple:**  
How has following Jesus changed you over time? Where do you see evidence of transformation in your life?
  - b. **As someone who disciples others:**  
Who might God be inviting you to encourage, mentor, or walk alongside so they can grow in faith and eventually disciple others?



What did you discover about God in this passage?  
What did you discover about people in this passage?  
How will you commit to obey this passage this week?  
With whom will you share what you have learned?

