

May 24, 2026

Commands of Jesus
Deny Yourself, Take Up Your Cross, Follow Me
Luke 9:23-25
Sermon Discussion Questions

Please take a few minutes after the service today to discuss together the following questions with whom you are gathered.

1. What did Jesus mean by self-denial as a condition for following Him?
2. Where do you most struggle to surrender control?
3. Why do you think Jesus used the image of a cross as a condition of following Him?
4. What is the correlation between denial and cross-bearing? (think: our surrendered will will have consequences; following Jesus will not always be easy)
5. What makes following Jesus costly in today's culture?
6. What cross are you tempted to avoid?
7. What would "taking up your cross" practically look like this week?
8. What does Jesus mean when He tells us to follow Him?
9. What is the compelling promise behind these conditions? In other words, why would we 'sign up' for this?