"Go With Me: Deny Self" Sermon Discussion Guide Luke 9:23-26 | August 16, 2020

Questions for Discussion

- 1. The call to "go with Jesus" is not just for "super-Christians;" it is for all who want to come after him. Discipleship is the common phrase we use to describe "going with Jesus." Jesus calls us to do three things: deny self, take up your cross daily, and follow him. Which of these is strongest in your life? Which is weakest?
- 2. Jesus denied himself the glories of heaven, the pleasure of sin, and protection from pain. What comfort does it bring to you that our God and our Savior experienced the very things he's calling us to?
- 3. Self-denial is not easy. Reflect on these questions:
 - Deep down, how do you try to escape denying your "whole self" by focusing on only a few areas of your life?
 - How many pictures of yourself do you have on your phone?
 - How can you creatively reorient your focus to Christ in everyday life?
 - In the midst of difficult and life-changing decisions, how does the cross bring perspective to your decisions?

Live Sent This Week

This week is "ONE Place" in our ONE Month emphasis. ONE place is that place you visit often other than home or work/school that could be a great place to engage in conversations that could lead people to the ONE! Determine your "place" this week and then text "one place" to 205-749-7244 and follow the prompts.

For more information on ONE Month... <u>www.shades.org/one</u> and let's make this month all about the ONE!