

Follow: The Importance of Christ and His Cross  
Luke 9:18-27

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1. Life's most important personal question.

2. Life's most important pursuit.

3. Life's most important possession.

**Small Group & Personal Bible Study Lesson**

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**Memory Verse: Luke 9:23**

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**Daily Reading Plan:**

- Day 1: Luke 9:18-27
- Day 2: Luke 6:43-49
- Day 3: Matthew 10:37-39
- Day 4: Romans 12:1-2
- Day 5: Colossians 1:3-14



**Lesson: Following Jesus Requires Denial of Self**

1. Read Luke 9:23, then answer what are three actions a follower of Christ is called to do? Write out what that means in your own words.

*ACTION TO TAKE*

*WHAT THIS MEANS IN MY OWN WORDS*

1. _____	_____
2. _____	_____
3. _____	_____

2. When we trust and declare Jesus as our Lord, our life will show it. According to Luke 6:46, what is a good way to evaluate if Christ is truly the Lord of our life?
3. Read Matthew 10:37-39 and then reflect on Romans 12:1, Jesus wants us to submit our lives completely over to Him, Yet for many of us we hold tight to the reasons why we are reluctant to give Christ access to every area of our lives. What might you be holding on to?

*A quote to ponder:*

**"Christ is present in all Christians. Christ is prominent in some Christians. But in only a few Christians is Christ preeminent."**