



Bible Study Questions

23rd February 2025 - Plenty of Purpose
Luke 9:17-27 & 14:25-27

Discussion Starter

If someone asked you, 'What is the purpose of your life?' how would you answer, and how has that answer changed over time?

Introduction

People often ask, "What is my purpose?" The world offers many answers—success, happiness, wealth—but Jesus teaches that true purpose is found in following Him. Luke 9: 18-27 & 14: 25-27 teaches us that purpose is not just about what we do, but about who we follow and what we are willing to sacrifice for Him.

Read Luke 9:18-27 & 14:25-27

- What stands out to you, or what do you notice?
- What questions are raised for you?
- What challenges you?

Questions

- How does Jesus define His own purpose? What do you notice about it?
- Imagine you were there with the disciples, hearing Jesus speak about His purpose. How would you have reacted? How did the disciples react? (See Matthew 16:13-27 for a parallel passage.)
- Have you ever shared your sense of purpose with someone? How did they respond?
- How should Jesus' purpose shape our own purpose?
- Jesus said, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me" (Luke 9:23, Matthew 16:24). What does this mean for us today?
- What is the 'cost vs. benefit' of embracing the purpose that Jesus modelled and calls us to?
- New Testament scholar Trent Butler said, "You cannot wear the cross, you must bear the cross." What is the difference between 'wearing' and 'bearing' the cross?

Application

- On a scale on of 1-10 (1 being least present), how much cross bearing is present in your life?
- What is one thing you can lay down in your life in order to take up more of the life of Jesus?

