

ICE BREAK

- Name a Commercial/Ad in which self denial was the selling point.
 - Name some of your accomplishments in which self-denial was expected as vital to the process.
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STUDY

This week we focus on the price of the second half of Jesus' message-suffering and death.

What did you hear in this week's sermon that was new about the cost of following Christ? What was the most encouraging part? What was the most challenging part?

- 1. Mark 8:34-9:1 Dying & Living** a. When have you seen clear evidence of His Kingdom at work? b. How do you cope with denying yourself in a culture so opposed to that? c. Give a specific example of denying yourself for the kingdom-the price you have paid to follow Christ. d. What specifically most endangers you to lose your soul? e. What are some things people gain, yet lose their souls over? f. When have you been embarrassed to follow Christ? When have you been proud to follow Christ?
- 2. Mark 9: 2-13: Jesus: Transformed, Confirmed, Job Description** a. What was the main purpose of the transfiguration? b. The 2nd time Jesus is confirmed: Son, Loved, Listen to Him. When are times you need His reassurance as His child? c. What was the purpose of the presence of Moses and Elijah? d. The disciples were frightened. What has been frightening about following Christ for you? e. Jesus is the new tabernacle: How has the church building sometimes become the new tabernacle? How do we live out the reality each day with Jesus tabernacling with us?
- 3. Job Description.**
 - a. What was Jesus' Job Description?
 - b. What is your specific Job Description as His Disciple?
 - c. How is yours unique from other disciples?

- d. Who makes sure you are doing your job?
 - e. When has God's mercy allowed you to witness or see something that came at just the right time to encourage you?.
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REFLECT

- Discuss specific ways you can encourage/challenge one-another to deny self and live for Christ.
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PRAY

- Pray for each other's struggles and victories in following Christ.
- Follow up on past prayer requests.
- Pray for God to use you daily as His Tabernacle for those with whom you come in contact.