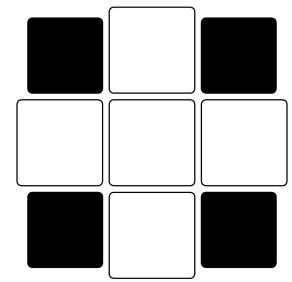


Take up Your Cross

Scripture: **Luke 9:23–27**

Series: **The Gospel of Luke**

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Overview

Main point: **The cross Jesus commands you to take up requires His death and yours.**

In this challenging text, Christ states the requirement to be His disciple is to die to yourself daily. In following Christ, we must remember the emptiness in pursuing an easy life and that it is only through dying to self that we are able to take up our new abundant life in Christ—all the while holding to Christ's own sacrificial death on a cross that cleanses us and allows the Holy Spirit to empower us.

Corroborating Texts

Romans 14:7, Luke 14:26-33, Ecclesiastes 2:10-11, Philippians 2:5-8, Hebrews 12:2, Luke 4:6-8

Discussion Questions

1. Why might we be drawn to the *idea* of being a disciple as opposed to *actually* being a disciple?
2. What keeps you from taking up your cross on a daily basis?
3. How has Christ led you to die to self in the past? How do you presently feel God leading you to die to self?
4. How have you found verse 24 to be true?
5. How can you better take up your cross daily in the coming days?
6. Which of the applications (confession, spending time in God's Word, and looking to Christ) feels the most challenging and why?