



TAKING IT INWARD-WHAT ABOUT YOU?

If Jesus walked into this room right now and said your name, “come follow me right now.”

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<i>I’m not sure about that Jesus...</i>			<i>I will but first let me...</i>			<i>Drop student journal and leave with Jesus</i>			

If Jesus looked at you and said “I need you to leave behind (your comfort, your home, your community, your possessions to follow me).

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<i>Totally not ready to part with that...</i>			<i>Can’t I just keep...</i>			<i>Everything belongs to you anyhow Lord</i>			

If Jesus walks in and says “I know the plans that you have made for your future, but I have different plans for you.”

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<i>That doesn’t work with my 5 year plan Jesus...</i>			<i>I might be willing to make a few chances...</i>			<i>Speak Lord, for your servant is listening...</i>			

TAKING IT INWARD—YES, BUT

Luke 9:57-62

Situation	Truth Jesus is communicating in this situation	How Jesus communicates the same truth to us today	Our excuses today in response to each situation
The Son of Man has no place to Lay His Head			
Let the dead bury the dead			
No one who looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God			

DIGGING DEEPER- PART 2

Scripture	Costs/Requirements of Following	Rewards for Following
John 10:25-30		
Luke 14:25-35		
John 12:20-26		
John 14:15-24		

Things that I find challenging about the cost of following Christ:

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Things that encourage me to follow Jesus based upon the rewards that that Jesus gave us:

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TAKING IT INWARD—*COSTS AND REWARDS*

Recap:

Look over your notes and the Scriptures you have explored in this session. As you reread Jesus' words, remember that He wasn't just speaking those words only to His followers but also to you. How does knowing that Jesus' words apply just as much to us today as they did to His first followers change your perspective on what you've learned?

Pray:

Spend some time talking to God about what you need regarding a relationship with Him. Where do you need God to strengthen you in order to follow Jesus like the way He described?

Listen:

Now just listen. What do you sense that God might be communicating to you during this time?

Journal:

Now write down your thoughts. Or draw your thoughts. Or create something that expresses your thoughts. What has this time of focusing on Jesus meant to you? What ways has this session challenged you? How do you plan to follow Christ, now knowing better about the "call out" he has made on your life? Write your thoughts or draw a picture that captures your response to these questions.

Share:

Is there anything that you need to discuss with your leaders? Is God calling you to make this commitment to follow Him serious by surrendering your life to Him for the first time? Maybe you've already made the step of surrendering to Christ, but you've found yourself distracted lately, do you need to take this opportunity to recommit yourself to following Christ?

SESSION 4 SCRIPTURE SHEET



The Choosing of the Twelve

Mark 1:16-20

¹⁶ As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen.

¹⁷ “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.”

¹⁸ At once they left their nets and followed him.

¹⁹ When he had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets.

²⁰ Without delay he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

Mark 2:13-14

¹³ Once again Jesus went out beside the lake. A large crowd came to him, and he began to teach them. ¹⁴ As he walked along, he saw Levi son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax collector’s booth. “Follow me,” Jesus told him, and Levi got up and followed him.

Luke 6:12-16

¹² One of those days Jesus went out to a mountainside to pray, and spent the night praying to God. ¹³ When morning came, he called his disciples to him and chose twelve of them, whom he also designated apostles:

¹⁴ Simon (whom he named Peter), his brother Andrew, James, John, Philip, Bartholomew,

¹⁵ Matthew, Thomas, James son of Alphaeus, Simon who was called the Zealot,

¹⁶ Judas son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor.

Prospective Followers

Luke 9:57-62

⁵⁷ As they were walking along the road, a man said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.”

⁵⁸ Jesus replied, “Foxes have dens and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head.”

⁵⁹ He said to another man, “Follow me.”

But he replied, “Lord, first let me go and bury my father.”

⁶⁰ Jesus said to him, “Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God.”

⁶¹ Still another said, “I will follow you, Lord; but first let me go back and say goodbye to my family.”

⁶² Jesus replied, “No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God.”