



## Luke 9:21-36 “The Cost of Discipleship”

### Discussion Questions for Personal Life and Community Gathering

1. **Read Luke 9:21-27.** What is the difference between self-denial and ultimate self-denial?

What is the difference between a burden and taking up your cross?

What does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses or forfeits himself?

According to Psalm 49, what do both the fool and the wise, the rich and the poor, have in common?

2. **Read Luke 9:28-36.** Review verses 20 and 35. What is Jesus' identity?

Review verses 22 and 30-31. What is Jesus' mission?

Why are Moses and Elijah present? What do they talk about? Why?

How does the transfiguration point toward the final phase of the ministry of Jesus?

What is the significance of Jesus accomplishing His exodus at Jerusalem?

How was the cross an obstacle to faith in the 1<sup>st</sup> century?

3. John Owen was married to his wife, Mary, for 31 years. Owen died 8 years after she died in 1675. During their 31 year marriage they had 11 children; all but one died as a child, and that one daughter died as a young adult to tuberculosis. Do the math: one child born and lost on the average of every three years of Owen's adult life. Yet Owen was able to write,

"Oh to behold the Glory of Christ! Here in would I live, here in would I die, here on would I dwell in my thoughts and my affections until all things here below become as dead and deformed things, and in no longer, any way, calling out for my affections."

In your personal time this week, consider the following questions:

- How high of a priority is beholding the Glory of Christ in your life?
- Is the steadfast love of the Lord better than life? (Psalm 63:3)