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Week Seven: *Kingdom Culture Leans Into Discipleship*

## WEEKLY SCRIPTURES



### Week Seven Key Verse

...must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.

**LUKE 9:23**

### Daily Verses

Day 1: Matthew 16:24-26

Day 2: Matthew 26:36-29

Day 3: 1 Peter 1:13-16

Day 4: Matthew 8:5-13

Day 5: 1 Samuel 15:10-26

Day 6: Matthew 28:18-20

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**BEING A DISCIPLE  
MEANS PUTTING  
OUR HOPE IN JESUS,  
WHO IS WITH US  
NOW AND WILL BE  
forever.**



### START TALKING

- What is something or someone you enjoy and spend time following? This may be a hobby, a sports team, a podcast, Netflix series, etc.
- Describe to the group what you do as an avid follower.



### START THINKING

In this world you can follow many people and things. These things compete for our attention and would like to make us their disciples. But as Christians, we are all disciples of Jesus and our primary goal should be to live our lives following him and his teachings; nothing should get in the way of that.



### WATCH VIDEO



### START DIGGING

*Read Matthew 16:24-26, 26:36-39, 1 Peter 1:13-16, 1 Samuel 15:10-26, Matthew 8:5-13*

- Jesus tells us what it means to be a disciple (Matthew 16:24). What questions or concerns does this raise for you?
- In what ways do you deny doing your own will in order to carry out God's will?
- What is your definition of following Christ?
- In Matthew 26 we see Jesus wrestling with doing God's will. How does this make you feel? Can you relate?
- As a disciple, what does it mean to prepare your mind and exercise self-control?
- What does it mean to be obedient and avoid the old desires and be holy?
- What did you learn about the importance of obedience from 1 Samuel 15 and Matthew 8?



### START SHARING

- After reading Luke 9:23-25 are there any changes you need to make to how you follow Jesus?



## START SHARING, CONTINUED

- 1 Peter 1:13-16 outlines quite a few things we should do as Jesus' disciples: prepare our minds, exercise self-control, put our hope in Christ, be obedient, avoid the old desires, be holy. What is easy for you? What is difficult? Why?
- How can you live a holy life as scripture instructs without adopting a "holier than thou" attitude?



## START PRAYING

Dear God, prepare my heart and mind, through your word and your Spirit, to follow you. Help me exercise self-control over (\_\_\_\_\_ a specific issue in your life). Daily, please help me place my hope in Christ and obey your teachings. Protect me from the old desires of (\_\_\_\_\_ fill in the blank). And, help me be holy as you are holy. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.



## START DOING

Take time this week to let another Christ-follower know one of the things that's hard for you to do as a disciple (1 Peter 1:13-16) and ask them to pray for you.



## NOTES