

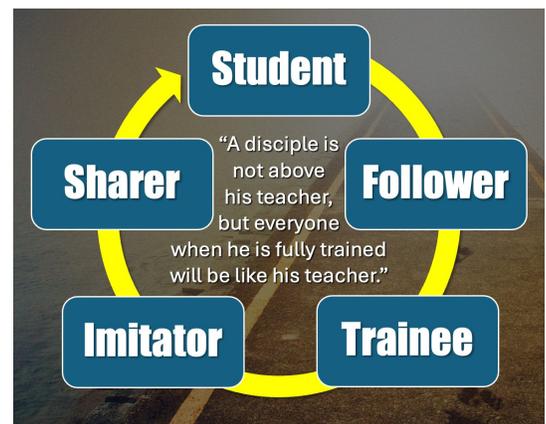
THE THINGS DISCIPLES DO

Lesson 9

Wednesday,
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What sort of things do disciples do? **Disciples** _____ **themselves.**

At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who is the _____ in the kingdom of heaven?" And calling to him a _____, he put him in the midst of them and said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you _____ and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven." (Matt 18:1-4)



As we turn our Bibles back to **Luke 9**, we learn that **disciples** _____ **themselves, take up their** _____ **daily, and follow Jesus.**

And he said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross _____ and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it. For what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses or forfeits himself? For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words, of him will the Son of Man be ashamed when he comes in his glory and the glory of the Father and of the holy angels." (9:23-26)

Finally, from **Luke 10**, **Jesus teaches that disciples have** _____ **and show mercy.**

In **Luke 10:25**, a lawyer stood up "to put [Jesus] to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" The lawyer did well in quoting **Deuteronomy 6:5** about loving God and quoting **Leviticus 19:18** about loving your neighbor as yourself. When the lawyer, "desiring to _____ himself" asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus told a parable (10:30-35) about a man going down from Jerusalem to Jericho who fell among robbers, was beaten, and left half dead. A priest going down that road saw the man and passed by. So did a Levite. But a Samaritan, when he saw that beaten man, had compassion and showed mercy. Which proved to be a neighbor? "The one who _____ mercy" (10:36-37). And Jesus said to that lawyer, "You go, and do _____."

Jesus has most certainly given us plenty to talk about, so let's dig in...

For Class & Family Discussion:

- ▶ **Disciples humble themselves.** Why do you think the disciples would have even asked the question that they did in [Matthew 18:1](#)?
- ▶ Of all the ways to answer their question, why do you think Jesus called over a child and put him in the midst of them?
- ▶ In your own words, what did Jesus mean when he said, “Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven” ([18:3-4](#))?
- ▶ Why, if I’m going to be a disciple of Jesus, must I humble myself? In everyday terms, what does that look like?
- ▶ **Disciples deny themselves, take up their crosses daily, and follow Jesus.** What does it mean to “deny” myself ([Luke 9:23](#))?
- ▶ When Jesus talks about someone “taking up their cross daily” and following him, what is he talking about? What does this have to do with discipleship?
- ▶ What powerful point is Jesus making in [Luke 9:24-26](#)?
- ▶ **Disciples have compassion and show mercy.** Do I *have* to love my neighbor as myself in order to be a disciple of Jesus ([Luke 10:25-28](#))?
- ▶ What can disciples of Jesus in the 21st century learn from his parable of the good Samaritan ([10:30-37](#))?