



EIGHT PILLARS OF FAITH
WEEK 6: EQUIPPING – LUKE 9:23-27
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Faith: Luke 17: 1-10
Mission: Luke 15:1-7
Prayer: Luke 11:1-13
Praise: Luke 2
Family: Luke 6:46-49
Equipping: Luke 9:23-27

Equipping is daily preparation to become a disciple maker.

And he said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. ²⁴ For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it. ²⁵ For what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses or forfeits himself? ²⁶ 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. ²⁷ But I tell you truly, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the kingdom of God. - Luke 9:23-27

Our mission: We exist to make disciples of Jesus in Lexington and around world by taking the gospel to everyone, everywhere.

A choice to be made

"If anyone would come after me..."

And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD. - Joshua 24:15

A contradiction to achieve

"let him deny himself..."

Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done. - Luke 22:42

Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³ for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure. - Philippians 2:12-13

A courageous action to be followed

"take up his cross daily and follow me."

Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. - Isaiah 41:10



Equipping prepares us to deny self instead of denying Jesus

Equipping means Jesus' plans for my life are now my plans

Practical ways to become a disciple maker:

- **Imitate Jesus' love**
"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another." - John 13:34
- **Imitate Jesus' mission**
"And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." - Matthew 4:19
- **Imitate Jesus' humility**
"Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. ⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus," - Philippians 2:3-5
- **Imitate Jesus' service**
"If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet." - John 13:14

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