

## QUESTIONS FOR WEEK 1

### THE PASSIONATE DISCIPLE

If you are in a new group spend a little time getting to know each other - share a hobby, family, job etc. and then open in prayer.

#### A. A Passionate Christ Follower - Read Luke 9:57-62

3 questions were raised out of this passage... 1. Will we choose comfort or a cross? Luke 9:57-58 2. Will we choose maintenance or mission? Luke 9:59-60 3. Will we choose to have an indecisive mind or an undivided heart? Luke 9:61-62

Share about ways you have moved forward in one of these areas? What has resulted from your actions?

Which of these questions impacts you the most now? How does it impact you? What makes it difficult for you to move with Christ in this area? What specifically can you put in place to move forward?

#### B. A Passionate Christ Follower - Read Luke 14: 25-33

In verses 26,27,33 Jesus uses the words: "...cannot be my disciple".

What do you feel as you consider these statements?

Dialogue in the group about what this may specifically mean for you as a follower of Christ. E.g. any questions you have, what does it seem you will lose, what is hard, what entices you, potential positive kingdom outcomes...

Share any specific things you believe God has said to you out of this so far.

#### C. A Passionate Christ Follower and the Lost - Read 2 Thessalonians 1:5-10, Revelation 20:11-15, Matthew 9:35-38.

What do you believe the Bible says about the lost?

What specifically might it mean for you to live passionately for the lost? What changes are important for you to make for this to happen?

#### D. A Passionate Christ Follower and the Poor

(Note this will be a recurring theme through this series)

Jesus said some very hard hitting things about rich people and poor people. Read Matthew 19:16-23, 25:31-46, Luke 6:20-26 What are some implications as a Christ follower of living passionately in ministry to the poor? What is God saying to you about this? Action?

## THE PASSIONATE DISCIPLE SERIES WEEK 1

### "THE PASSIONATE DISCIPLE"

*Luke 14:33 (NIV) "In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples."*

*Luke 14:26 (NIV) "If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even their own life—such a person cannot be my disciple."*

## 1 DO WE BELIEVE WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A CHRIST FOLLOWER?

*Luke 9:57–58 (NIV) As they were walking along the road, a man said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." <sup>58</sup>Jesus replied, "Foxes have dens and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head."*

### 1.1 WILL WE CHOOSE COMFORT OR A CROSS?

*Mark 12:38-40*

*Luke 9:59-60 (NIV) <sup>59</sup>He said to another man, "Follow me." But he replied, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." <sup>60</sup>Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God."*

### 1.2 WILL WE CHOOSE MAINTENANCE OR MISSION?

### **3 DO WE REALLY BELIEVE WE NEED TO LIVE PASSIONATELY FOR THE POOR?**

*Luke 9:61-62 Still another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but first let me go back and say goodbye to my family." <sup>62</sup>Jesus replied, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God."*

#### **1.3 WILL WE CHOOSE INDECISIVE MINDS OR UNDIVIDED HEARTS.**

### **2 DO WE BELIEVE WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT THE LOST?**

*2 Thessalonians 1:7-8 (NIV) This will happen when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven in blazing fire with his powerful angels. <sup>8</sup>He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. <sup>9</sup>They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might*

*Revelation 20:15 (NIV) Anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life was thrown into the lake of fire.*

*Isaiah 58:6-11*

*Proverbs 14:31*

*Proverbs 21:13*

*Proverbs 28:27*

*Luke 6:20-25*

*Matthew 19:21-23*

*Matthew 25:36-41*

*Luke 18:18-30*

*Hebrews 13:7*