



LISTENING GUIDE

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A Disciple Commits to Christ

Luke 9:23-27

Today we begin a new sermon series entitled *Life in Christ: Five Marks of a Disciple*. In Luke 9:23–27, Jesus speaks plainly about the nature and cost of following Him. This passage introduces the first mark of a disciple and lays the foundation for the entire series. It teaches us that genuine discipleship begins with a decisive and ongoing commitment to Christ.

Notice that a disciple commits to Christ by...

I. Choosing a New _____ (v.23a)

- This is a shift from “*self*” at the center of our existence to *Christ* at the center!

II. Embracing a _____ Way of Life (v.23b)

- Notice two important details:
 1. This is _____
 2. The cross is something you _____

III. Trusting His Promise of _____ Life (vv.24-27)