

When Danger Looms

Luke 14:27

Transformed by the Truth

Questions for reflection and discussion

Cross-carrying \neq _____

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Luke 9:23-26; 17:33; John 12:25

Death is not _____,

just _____.

To carry your cross means _____

_____.

Luke 9:26; 12:8-9; Revelation 3:5

1. Look up the word "allegiance" in a dictionary. How is it defined? Tell your small group about a time when you demonstrated allegiance to someone or something.
2. Re-read Luke 14:27 and Luke 9:23. Paraphrase these two verses in your own words. What does "carrying your cross" mean to you?
3. According to Luke 14:27, what is the cost of being a disciple? According to Luke 9:23-26, what is the cost of *not* being a disciple?
4. Do you believe that your allegiance to Jesus will ever result in physical harm? Based on your past loyalty to Jesus, do you believe you are prepared to face that kind of persecution? Why or why not?
5. When have you had to pay a price for your faith?
6. Who might you be more likely to invite to church on Easter Sunday if you were fearless about their response?