

## Session 3 Leader Guide

A person is saved for eternity by faith alone in Christ alone.

When the Bible talks about discipleship, it talks about a cost.

You're saved by faith apart from works (Rom. 4), but you become a disciple by a faith that does work (Jas. 2).

Faith without work will keep your faith dormant. Your Christianity won't work for you.

The word saved, when you're not saved, means to be delivered from eternal separation from God. When you are saved, it means God delivering you in history.

Discipleship requires a commitment.

### THE COMMITMENT TO BE A DISCIPLE

1. Come to Him.
2. Carry your cross.

Your cross, as a kingdom disciple, is the price tag that comes with your public identification with Him.

To be a kingdom disciple means that you wisely, lovingly, and appropriately make it clear that you are a Christian. It is your willingness to be connected with Jesus that makes you a disciple.

### THREE TENSES OF SALVATION

1. Salvation past from the penalty of sin-being born again
2. Salvation future from the presence of sin-glorification
3. Salvation from the power of sin-sanctification

Confession is related to your deliverance in history, not your deliverance in eternity. You are not only a Christian going to heaven. You're a kingdom disciple who has heaven joining you on earth.

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**Discuss the video with your group, using these questions.**

1. Dr. Evans began by talking about the difference between taking a class for credit and auditing a class because you're interested in the subject matter. What's the difference between being a disciple and someone who merely audits the Christian life?
2. Compare Romans 4:3-5 and James 2: 14-17. How do these passages complement each other? What essential aspects of the Christian faith does each one teach?
3. Salvation is free, but discipleship requires a commitment. What has it cost you to follow Jesus?
4. Read Luke 14:26-27. What two specific costs of discipleship can be identified from these verses? What did Jesus mean when He said a disciple must "hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters" (v. 26)?
5. Dr. Evans pointed out that Jesus' public display of carrying the cross shifted sentiment about Him. As we begin to follow Jesus, what might change about the way our culture views us?
6. What's your cross to carry?
7. We live in a society that's growing more pluralistic by the day. Many are tempted to hide their belief in Jesus. Why is speaking about Jesus necessary for a Christian (see Acts 4: 18-20)?
8. Read Romans 10:9-10. Based on Dr. Evans's teaching, how should we understand confession in the context of these verses?
9. Why must Christians be both visible and verbal followers of Jesus?