



A NEW ADVENTURE

Small Group Questions Week 1

1. What would you consider to be the greatest adventure you've ever had? What made it exciting? What made it scary? Would you do it again? Do you consider yourself a risk-taker? Do you think living a life of obedience to God has risk? In what way?
2. If you had a guarantee that you could not fail, what would you attempt to do in your life? If you had the same guarantee from God, what would you attempt to do on behalf of God's kingdom? What are some things that keep us from doing more for God in our lives?
3. Read Luke 9:23-25. In verse 23 Jesus said a person must do two things in order to follow him, what were they? Discuss what you think each of these mean. What do you think Jesus is talking about when he talks about losing and saving your life?
Answer — Jesus said that to follow him you must deny yourself and take up your cross. Denying yourself means that you place what God wants as more important than what you want. To take up your cross means to accept whatever God wants you to do in your life and live for Him. Losing your life means that when you die, everything you lived for will cease to exist, you will have lost everything you lived for. To save your life means that when you die, the things you lived your life for will continue into eternity.
4. Read 1 Corinthians 3:10—15. What is this passage describing? If we compare what this passage says to what Jesus said in the Luke 9 passage, who are the people who build with wood, hay, and straw? Who are the people who build with gold, silver and precious stones? What happens to those who build with wood, hay, and straw? What happens to those who build with gold silver and precious stones? Does it say whether or not the person who built with wood, hay and straw goes to heaven?
Answer—This passage is the description of what it means to lose your life and still save it or to save your life and then lose it. Those who live for Jesus will be rewarded for eternity for their efforts. Those who live for themselves will suffer the loss of everything they lived for, they have no rewards. And yet, it says that those people are still saved, so the person who does not live for Jesus does not suffer the loss of their salvation.
5. What can you do this next week that would be participating with God in an adventure?