

**DISCUSSION GUIDE**  
**OCTOBER 14 & 15**



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FOLLOWING JESUS • IN COMMUNITY • FOR OTHERS

# Join the Team

LUKE 9:23-25 | WEEK 1

## Opening Questions

1. Describe your favorite or most memorable *Game Changer* moment from the world of sports.
2. What other life events would you describe as *Game Changers* (home, work, church, relationships, career, etc.) and why?

## In the Word

1. Read [John 14:1-6](#) and [Luke 9:23-26](#).
2. In [John 14:1-6](#), Jesus is comforting his disciples after talking about His own betrayal, suffering, and death. In what ways do Jesus' words in [verses 1-6](#) bring comfort to his disciples?
3. How many clear promises are there in [John 14:1-6](#) from Jesus? What are they?
4. In [Luke 9:23-26](#) Jesus is trying to explain that following Him will not be easy. What do you think it means to deny yourself and take up your cross daily to follow Jesus?
5. [Verse 24](#) is a classic paradox from Jesus, how would you restate it in your own words?
6. Take a few minutes individually, or in smaller groups, to restate [verses 25 and 26](#) in your own words?
7. In what ways do [verses 24-26](#) appear harsh and hard-hitting for Jesus' followers?

## Making It Personal

1. In what kinds of things have you invested significant money, time, or life, that don't really involve Jesus and won't last?
2. Denying ourselves and carrying His cross means death. In what simple or significant ways does God want you to say "No" to yourself in order to say "Yes" to Him?
3. What are simple conveniences you are reluctant to give up even though it would lead to following Jesus more closely (attending church, use of money, use of time, possessions, etc.)?
4. Spend time in prayer as a group—pray for the *Game Changers* series to lead to deeper and more impactful following of Jesus for each group member, family, and Pathway Church.

## Continued Learning

1. Look at the information from this resource and discuss the broader meaning of the cross and its significance for Christians today: [www.biblestudytools.com/dictionaries/bakers-evangelical-dictionary/cross-crucifixion.html](http://www.biblestudytools.com/dictionaries/bakers-evangelical-dictionary/cross-crucifixion.html)

## **Additional Notes**