

## Home Group Questions - March 31, 2019

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1. Have you ever joined a group or club, or signed up for something, and then later found out that it wasn't what you thought you had signed up for?
2. Think back to when you first started following Christ. What did you think you were signing up for at the time? How has your understanding of following Christ changed since then?
3. Read Luke 9:18-27, 44-45 and 57-62 with your group.
  - Do you have any comments or questions about these verses?
  - In these verses, what does Jesus tell his disciples about what will happen to him?
  - What does Jesus tell his disciples about what will happen to his followers, or what they can expect if they follow him?
  - Verse 21 is one of many times that Jesus tells people not to tell anyone about him or what he had done. This is often puzzling for people. Why wouldn't Jesus want people to spread the word about him? Read verses 22-26 and 44-45 again. What do these verses tell us about why Jesus may have told them not to tell anyone about him being the Messiah?
4. These verses give us a glimpse of what the cost of following Jesus is. Jesus says that his followers:
  - Must deny themselves
  - Must take up their cross
  - May not have a place to lay their head
  - Must lose their very lifeHow did the Apostles experience these costs?  
How do we experience these costs in 2019?
5. Read Galatians 2:20, Philippians 3:8 and Colossians 3:1-4 with your group.
  - How do these verses shine light on the cost of following Jesus?
  - What is the benefit of making sacrifices for the sake of Christ?
6. What has been the cost of following Christ in your life recently? Is there anything that God has been convicting you to sacrifice for his sake recently?