



SUMMIT
— C H U R C H —
DIRECTION FOR THE JOURNEY



SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

November 2, 2025 | Your Next Step



GROWING CLOSER TOGETHER _____

1. Tell about a difficult hiking or travel experience you've had. What was the biggest challenge you encountered?
2. When was the last time you exhibited courage?



MESSAGE REFLECTION _____

1. Review the main points of the message. Share something from the service or message that stood out, challenged or encouraged you.
2. Read **Mark 1:14-18** together. What jumps out at you from this passage?
3. How is Jesus' call to repentance and belief different from simply believing that God exists and different from simply affirming things about God or his word?
4. What are "grazers?" How are they different from the sheep Jesus describes in **John 10:27**?
5. What is the goal of discipleship (*reference Ephesians 4:22-24*)?
6. How best can you determine what the next step in your faith journey is?
7. Why is it so easy for people to graze or coast on their faith journey?
8. How can you guard against apathy as you try to follow Jesus?



GOING DEEPER

READ Luke 9:20-25 together.

1. What is one thing that jumps out at you from these verses?
2. After Peter declared his belief that Jesus was the Messiah in verse 20, why do you think Jesus chose that moment to talk about his impending death and resurrection?
3. Why is denying yourself vital on the discipleship journey?
4. How have you obeyed Jesus' command to "deny yourself"(v 23)?
5. What does Jesus mean when he tells his disciples to "take up your cross daily"?
6. Is it possible to fulfill Jesus' command to "deny yourself" and "take up your cross daily" but not follow him? Why or why not?
7. How does giving up your life for Christ result in true living?
8. How have you experienced truly living by dying to yourself?



YOUR NEXT STEP

1. Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to show you what your next step is.
(Some options: investigate Jesus, decide to follow, baptism, new believer class, godly habits/disciplines, join a small group, serving, membership, read entire Bible, prayer, memorization, mission trip, generous giving, leadership, discipling others, sharing my faith)
2. Tell someone what your next step is and trust God as you pursue that next step!



PRAYING TOGETHER

Take time to share burdens and pray for one another.