



April 10th, 2016
Lose Your Life



This week, Corey helped transition from the identity of the king to the call of the king from the Gospel of Luke.

READ

Luke 9:18-27

REFLECT

1. Corey began the sermon by talking about Luke Skywalker and Yoda and the lesson - both from the Empire Strikes Back and the Gospel of Luke - that "Identity begets responsibility." How have you experienced this truth in your life?
2. How would you answer the question of Christ's identity? Who do you say that Jesus is? What impact does that have on your responsibilities?
3. Corey paraphrased John Stott on bearing a cross: "if you saw a person carrying a cross, you would have no need to ask him where he was going or what he was doing. You would have immediately recognized that he was a condemned criminal on his way to execution." Compare this concept to the ways the term - "my cross to bear" is used in our current vernacular.
4. How has God provided for you?

PRAY

- + Confess to God how we can domesticate Jesus into a more convenient version for the self-centered aspects of our lives, how we isolate on scripture that supports our lifestyle and ignore the more aggressive challenges of the text.
- + Ask God to deliver His power to us and galvanize us toward action.
- + Thank God for His provision.
- + Pray for spiritual renewal and revival in our community.

PRACTICE

- + Spend some time by yourself thinking about death. What areas of your life need to be put to death?
- + What does following Jesus and taking up his cross mean for you?
- + Corey closed the sermon by talking about discipleship and the definition of a Christian. Are you dying to self on a daily basis? Are you following Christ wherever He leads you? Are you giving up your selfish desires for your life in favor of the deep communion with God possible through this death? How would you diagnose your own discipleship status and strategy?