

## Luke Chapter 9:23-27

### What is Life?

Well, here we are - a destination. We've arrived at the culmination of this first lesson of chapters 6 through today's lesson --- an arc so to speak.

Luke 6

- the condition of the believer's heart and living it out.
- Forgiveness, non-judgmental

Luke 7

- Faith in God

Luke 8

- Preparing for action
- Sowing
- Demonstration
- Jesus is Lord over sin, elements, spirits and death.

Luke 9

- Into action - going out

And now.....

#### **Luke 9:23-27**

***<sup>23</sup>Then He said to them all, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me. <sup>24</sup>For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it. <sup>25</sup>For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and is himself destroyed or lost? <sup>26</sup>For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words, of him the Son of Man will be ashamed when He comes in His own glory, and in His Father's, and of the holy angels. <sup>27</sup>But I tell you truly, there are some standing here who shall not taste death till they see the kingdom of God."***

1. What does this all mean spiritually?

2. How do you lay down your life?

Well before we can accurately determine if we are actually laying down our lives we have to define life. What exactly are you laying down?

The clues are in the sentence of Jesus' statement: **"...let him deny himself..."**

Deny ourselves. Take up your cross daily. How you answer this next question will determine how effective you will be. If you aren't honest, you will never fully let go.

3. When does this life become more important?

You see, you have a job --- everything you have is provided for this job.

God is saying if you just think about serving me, I know your desires and will provide. If your prayers are selfish, then that actually proves you haven't laid down your life.

**Verses 26 & 27** are actually related to this block, yet different.

Laying down your life is a mental attitude.

"It's like an eight hour shift. I give it my all and when I'm done I get paid."

Very simple idea.

===== So here I am working for God =====

4. What is your daily allotment of service to God?

5. Explain LIFE - Literal, Spiritual &Figurative:

Literal:

Spiritual:

Figurative:

**Luke 9:28-36 (time permitting).**

Next week - Luke 9:37-62