

# THE POINT OF IMPACT

## WEEK 6

These questions are designed to extend the impact of the weekend message. Use them to go deeper in your personal study time, with your family, and/or with a small group or Bible class.

He was excited to meet Jesus. He left the encounter sad. What happened? Jesus gave him a choice, and he decided to keep instead of release. Everyone makes this decision whether realizing it or not. What will you choose to lose?

**1** Read **Luke 9:23-24**. What do you make of Jesus' strong words on being a disciple in this passage? What is one way you need to deny yourself as you follow Jesus today?

**2** Read **Luke 18:18-30**. This man was excited to meet Jesus but he left the encounter sad. What impact did his conversation with Jesus have on his life?

**3** Focus on Jesus' response in **Luke 18:22**, "*You still lack one thing. Sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.*" What problem is Jesus really confronting in this story?

**4** The rich young ruler looked to his wealth to do what only God can do. What are some other allegiances Jesus might name?

**5** Read **Matthew 13:44**. How do you explain this man's joy? What are some examples of losing something in order to gain something significant?

**6** What the young man saw as a burden Jesus saw as a bargain. Satan's greatest aim is to keep you from seeing life following Jesus for the win that it really is. He wants you to focus on what you will lose and never consider what you will gain. What are some areas of obedience that feel like "losing" to you?

**7** Read **Philippians 3:7**. We tend to focus on what we will miss if we give Jesus a whole-hearted "yes;" perhaps we should focus on what we miss with a half-hearted "yes." What do you actually gain by losing?

**8** Jesus wants to know if you will lose in order to gain him. And by the way, he made the same decision about us. In order for us to gain eternal life Jesus had to lose his. And in the garden he wrestled, he prayed, and he decided. How should Jesus' whole-hearted decision for you in the garden impact the decisions you make each day?

**9** Read **Luke 9:24-25**. What will you choose to lose? Identify the idol in your life that only allows you to offer Jesus half of your heart. Once everyone has identified their idol spend some time in prayer asking the Holy Spirit to help each of you to let it go, and to open your eyes to what you have been missing in Jesus.