# 10-11 Connect Group

## Welcome

Opening Question: What is a weird food you've eaten (or would like to try)?

## Worship

## Word

**Read Matthew 28:18-20 and answer the following questions?**

1) What is the command given by Christ? What is our job?
2) We are called to make disciples. What is a disciple?
3) What do you think is the difference between someone who is an admirer (fan) of Jesus and someone who is a follower (disciple) of Jesus?

**Read Matthew 16:24**

1) What stands out from this verse?
2) Look at the commands: deny self, take up cross, follow me. What do each of these suggest? Which of these commands run counter to cultural norms, how?

**Read Luke 9:57-62**

1) Why do you think Jesus gave such hard replies to the people in this passage?
2) What stands out to you most from these verses?
3) Which excuse seems the strongest? Which one seems the most flimsy?

**Read Luke 9:23-25**

1) Jesus says the same thing in these verses as the Matthew 16 verse, but what additional teaching is here? What stands out?
2) These verses point out the eternal consequences of our actions. Since this is true, why do you think we don't devote ourselves more to the things that are eternal?

Digging Deeper:

1) What is the difference between being a fan of Christ and a follower of Christ?
2) If a disciple is supposed to resemble his teacher, what does it suggest to us as disciples of Christ?
3) Having looked at these passages tonight, what is the error of those who wish to follow Christ without commitment?
4) Who are some individuals in the Bible who demonstrated a real commitment to fully following God? How so?
5) If time, read Hebrews 12:1-2. How do these verses relate to our study tonight? Comment.

## Works:

Take the time to pray for one another and for opportunities to share the Gospel.