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life on another level

Student Workbook

YEAR 3

**The Way
of Jesus**
Sacrifice

Bible Readings

Matthew 10

Matthew 25

Luke 9

Luke 14



Learning Outcomes

At the end of this week you will be able to:

- Locate some instances in the Bible where sacrifice is spoken of.
- Identify examples of Biblical sacrifice.
- Explore how sacrifice can be expressed in your life.

Notes from Bible Reading

Scripture A word or phrase that stood out to me:

Observation What is happening in this Bible reading?

Application Something that I learned about who I am or how I should live :

Prayer What I would like to say to God, ask of God, or what I think God is saying to me:

Key Question What difference can the way of sacrifice make in our world and in your life?

Engage

Go around the group and share one thing for each heading that has happened since you last met:

- Plus – What has been good or enjoyable?
- Minus – What has been difficult or painful?
- Interesting – What has been unusual or thought provoking?

Draw a picture or symbol that represents sacrifice to you. Be prepared to explain your drawing to the group.

What else comes to mind when you think about sacrifice?

Explore – Locate

- *What stood out to you in the Bible readings this week?*
- *What did you find meaningful or significant?*
- *Is there anything that you didn't understand or found confusing?*
- *Any questions or comments you may have?*

Read together: Luke 9:46-62

If anyone knew anything about sacrifice, it was Jesus. The ease in which He put Himself out for the sake of others reveals that He has a value system that is very different to what many of us hold in our own lives. The ultimate example of sacrifice He gave us was in His willingness to go to the cross and die for us ... the way of the cross ... sacrifice was "His way".

Some Reflections on Sacrifice

Sacrifice can mean many different things and involve different choices :

From Matthew 10

- not being concerned about food and shelter
- a willingness to be in threatening situations
- not being sure what we're going to say
- persecution or being hated on account of Jesus
- losing our lives
- re-prioritising relationships
- sacrifice need not mean being afraid
- sacrifice means trusting in God's care for us
- sacrifice looks to a greater and lasting reward

From Matthew 25

- speaks of readiness for God's kingdom
- demonstrates investment in God's kingdom
- means feeding the hungry, caring for the sick, visiting the prisoner
- is actually a service to Jesus Himself

From Luke 9

- handing over what's in your hands to Jesus
- denying ourselves - daily - following Jesus
- laying down our own dreams for greatness
- having a heart set on pilgrimage

You may wish to explore the meaning of sacrifice and what that might mean for you with your coach.

Explore – Express

Choose a passage of Scripture from this week's reading and re-write as a newspaper article.

Include at least two things you learn about sacrifice in your article.

Swap with someone else, read, and discuss with them what you find challenging about sacrifice.

Explore – Integrate

- As you compare what the Bible says about sacrifice with the common understanding of sacrifice, what do you notice?
- How would you describe your own experience of sacrifice?
- What difference can sacrifice bring?
- How can you cultivate the way of sacrifice this week in your own life?

Extend

Discuss with your group the challenges you are tackling. Use the time to ask for any help you might need.

Questions that may be helpful include:

- What challenges are you working on at the moment?
- Do you need any support or assistance?
- Are there any challenges that you have completed that we need to recognise and celebrate?
- Are there any new challenges that you want to work on?

Encourage

Tell another student in your group something you value or appreciate about them.

Share one thing you would like to pray for and pray for one another.

Discuss with your group some ways to practice sacrifice this week

Spend some time thanking God for the sacrifice He has made for us, and ask Him to help you understand His value system.

Then close with Isaiah 53:7-12