

## **The Invitation**

**Luke 9:23**

Outline

*"If any of you wants to be my follower, you must turn from your selfish ways, take up your cross daily, and follow me. Luke 9:23 (New Living)*

*Then he said to them all: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. Luke 9:23 (New International)*

*Then he said to them all, "If anyone wants to become my follower, he must deny himself, take up his cross daily, and follow me. Luke 9:23 (New English Translation)*

I. Anyone Means Everyone.

II. Anyone Means No Qualifications.

*After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice:*

*"Salvation belongs to our God,  
who sits on the throne,  
and to the Lamb."*

Revelation 7:9-10

III. No More Excuses.

*"What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul?"* Mark 8:36

*For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups (referring to Jews and Gentiles. In the Jewish mind there are only two groups of people: Jews and everyone else) one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. (2:14-16)*

#### IV. Anyone Does Not Mean Anything Goes.

*"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith..."* Ephesians 2:8

*"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ..."* 2 Corinthians 5:17-18