

**Suggested Worship Order**  
May 10, 2020  
(The activities and order are up to you!)

**Open with a simple prayer** of thanksgiving for daily divine mercies, acknowledging God's mighty faithfulness, asking for His forgiveness and for His blessing as you gather.

**Read a passage of Scripture.** Consider Isaiah 33:17-24.

**Sing a familiar hymn or song.** Today you are invited to listen to or sing along with the musicians.

**Watch or listen to the preaching.** Here is an outline:

**“Following Motivations”**

Luke 9:24-26

- I. **A Paradoxical Principle of Preservation, v. 24.**
  - A. *The Way of Loss: Wishing to Live for Yourself is a Losing Proposition.*
  - B. *The Way of Life: Losing All for Christ is the Only Way to Gain Your Life.*
- II. **A Pointed Question of Profit, v. 25.**
  - A. *A Simple Ledger.*
  - B. *A Sober Lesson: No amount of earthly gain can make up for losing your soul.*
- III. **A Plain Warning of Pushing-Away, v. 26.**
  - A. *Standing Away from Him.*
  - B. *His Standing Away.*

**Sing a song** when the sermon is over. Some suggestions: *Come, Thou Fount*, Hymnbook #400; *Rock of Ages*, Hymnbook #421; *O My Soul, Arise*, Songbook, 126.

**Spend time in discussion or reflection** on what you heard.

[Possible Discussion Questions]

- How would you summarize the main lesson of this passage? What in this account made the greatest impression on you?
- What kind of life does the one who “wishes to save his life” live? Why will he end up losing it?
- What does it mean “to lose one’s life for Jesus’ sake”? What does that life look and act like?
- What is most valuable to you? What do you think about more than anything else?

- What kind of situations can tempt us to “be ashamed” to acknowledge Christ? In what ways can we “distance” ourselves from being identified with Jesus?
- What will be the consequences for someone if Jesus is “ashamed” of them when He comes?
- What, if anything, are you challenged to do on account of this passage? Are you following Him?

**Close with prayer**, thanking God for His Word, asking Him to help you to understand, hold on to, and faithfully apply what you have heard.