

Living in Denial – Part 3

Discussion Guide

Intro

Over the past two weeks, we've been challenged to:

- Step out of hiding and into honesty
- Deny ourselves and let the Spirit lead

This week brings it all to a point of decision:

It's not just about knowing... it's about coming to Jesus.

- What has stood out to you most from this series so far?
- Where have you seen growth—or resistance—in your own life?

Scripture & Discussion

1. 1. Read Matthew 16:24–25 aloud

- Why do you think Jesus connects denying yourself with real life?
- What makes this difficult to actually live out?

2. 2. Read Colossians 1:15–22 aloud

- What stands out to you about who Jesus is in this passage?
- What does it mean that you can stand before God “without a single fault”?
- Why is that hard to believe personally?

3. 3. Read Philippians 3:7–9 aloud

- What kinds of things do people rely on today as their “spiritual resume”?
- Why does Paul consider his own goodness worthless compared to Christ?
- Where are you tempted to rely on your own effort instead of Jesus?

4. 4. Read Romans 10:9–10 aloud

- What does it mean to personally come to Jesus?
- Why is belief + confession both important?

Key Takeaway

You can know about Jesus...

You can be around church...

But there comes a moment where you have to decide:

Will I personally come to Jesus?

Application (This Week)

- Have you personally made the decision to follow Jesus?
- If yes: Where do you need to re-surrender control?
- If not: What's holding you back?

Optional personal step:

Take a few minutes each day this week to pray honestly:

“Jesus, I want to know you—and follow you.”

Outro

This series isn't just about behavior change.
It's about a relationship.

Not a better version of you—
but a new life in Him.

Next week, come ready to share:
Where did you take a step toward Jesus?