

DISCUSSION GUIDE

LOSSES AND GAINS
The Gospel of John — Week 44

ICEBREAKER: What is something that you failed at?

OVERVIEW: Following Jesus – truly following Jesus – is not a walk in the park. True, there are many gains; but there are also losses. We don't usually talk about the losses, but it is the losses that prevent people from accepting Christ, or from being sold out to Jesus. We love Jesus, but we struggle with the call to lose everything for Him. In this discussion we will go deeper with the losses and gains of following Jesus.

1. Read John 11:45-57. What insight, principle, or observation from this week-end's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain. (Or what was your key takeaway from Sunday's message?)
2. Read John 11:45-57. Why did the Jewish leaders want to kill Jesus? What were they afraid of losing?
3. Read Luke 9:23. What must a person lose in order to follow Jesus?
4. Read Luke 14:26. Does Jesus really want us to hate our family, even ourselves? Explain.

5. What are some of the losses in following Jesus?
6. What are the losses in not following Jesus?
7. What are the gains of following Jesus?
8. How can we develop the strength to lose everything, daily, for Jesus?

The Last Word: Each day let us follow more faithfully, more courageously, more daringly the lead of our great Captain who bids us follow Him. — William Thomson Hanzsche