

Just as we say in session 2, faith plays a big role in following Jesus. Luke 8–10 shows that faith is not just something we feel — it is something we *live*. In Luke 8, Jesus calms a raging storm and asks His disciples, “Where is your faith?” after they panic in the boat (8:25). A woman suffering for twelve years reaches out in faith and is instantly healed, and Jesus tells her, “Your faith has healed you” (8:48). When a father hears his daughter has died, Jesus speaks words that define discipleship: “Don’t be afraid; just believe” (8:50). Faith, in these moments, is not about control — it is trusting Jesus in chaos, suffering, and heartbreak.

In Luke 9–10, faith shifts from observation to obedience. Jesus sends out the Twelve and later the seventy-two with one command that demands trust: “Take nothing with you” (9:4). They are asked to go with no safety net, no backup plan, and no guarantees — only dependence on God. The mission succeeds not because they were strong, but because God was faithful. When the seventy-two return celebrating power and success, Jesus redirects their focus: “Do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven” (10:20). Faith isn’t ultimately about what you *do* for God — it’s about knowing *who you belong to*.

## ROI — Return on Investment

Following Jesus will cost you something. Comfort. Control. Reputation. Your plans. Your preferences. Your pride. Jesus never pretended otherwise — He called people to die to themselves, take up their cross, and follow Him. That does not sound like a good investment... until you see the return.

In Luke 10:20, Jesus reveals the real reward: not power, not success, not influence — but **your name written in heaven**. The return on investment for giving up your life is receiving *His*. You surrender temporary things, and in return you receive eternal ones. You stop living for yourself and gain the life you were created for. You release control, and God gives you peace. You invest your weakness, and receive His strength. The Christian life is not loss — it is trade: **your broken life for His perfect one**.

True faith means laying everything down, not because God will make you successful in the world’s eyes, but because He has already made you His forever. The ROI of following Jesus is not a better life now — it is a **new life entirely**.

## Reflection Questions

1. What has following Jesus *cost* you so far?
2. What are you still holding onto that you know God is asking you to surrender?
3. How does “rejoicing that your name is written in heaven” change how you define success?
4. Are you following Jesus for what He gives you — or because He is Lord?
5. What would it look like to fully “take nothing with you” and depend on God?
6. What kind of return are you expecting from Jesus — and is it the one He promises?
7. If you lost everything tomorrow except Christ, would He be enough?