

At The Movies

Called Out of Comfort



Message Summary ...

Following Jesus means denying comfort, dying to self, and joining His mission to reach the lost—because real growth and revival happen outside our comfort zones.

Key Scriptures ...

²⁴ Then Jesus said to his disciples, “If anyone wants to become my follower, he must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.

Matthew 16:24 (NET)

¹² On hearing this, Jesus said, “It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. ¹³ But go and learn what this means: ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice. For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.’”

Matthew 9:12-13 (NIV)

¹⁶ And now what are you waiting for? Get up, be baptized and wash your sins away, calling on his name.

Acts 22:16 (NIV)



Talk It Over

Start Talking ...

Find a conversation starter for your group.

- What’s something outside your comfort zone that turned out to be one of the best experiences of your life?
- Watch this week’s Sermon Refresh: [Here](#) (Available Mondays)

Start Thinking ...

Ask a question to get your group thinking.

- Please read the Key Scriptures on the left.
- What do you think it means to “take up your cross” in everyday life?

Start Sharing ...

Choose a question(s) to create openness.

- Have you ever felt God nudging you to give something up (even something good) to grow spiritually or help someone else?
- What area of your life have you been hesitant to surrender to Jesus’ leadership?
- How can we begin to put Jesus’ mission above our own preferences or comfort zones?

Start Praying ...

Jesus, thank You for calling us to more than comfort. Give us courage to deny ourselves, take up our cross, and follow You fully. Use us to reach others, and let our lives reflect Your mercy, not just sacrifice.

Start Doing ...

Invite someone to church this week who might not expect the invitation—someone who doesn’t have faith or who has drifted away. Stretch your comfort zone for the sake of someone else’s eternity.

