

Here is Our King!

November 23, 2008

Picture of a Disciple

Matthew 16:24-28

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3 Attributes of a Christ-Follower:

1. The beginning of discipleship is self-denial.
 - A move from safety, security, and self-fulfillment to _____
2. Discipleship then calls us to bear a cross.
 - Cross bearing is an act of _____
 - It is a willingness to bear _____ and even _____ for Jesus.
3. Discipleship is a practice of on-going following.
 - To follow means to _____
 - Be imitators of God as dearly loved children ... **(Eph. 5:1)**
 - It is making Jesus our _____, our _____, our Leader.

Matthew 16:25-26

God's Economy of Real Life

- What is the cost? - _____
- What is the profit? - _____

The Value of Life is Wrapped up in 2 things:

- Giving our life to Jesus
- Focusing on the _____

Matthew 16:27

Warning and Blessing

We will be held _____ for how we live.

Matthew 16:28

The Kingdom will (has) come in Power!

What is going to happen before the disciples taste death?

- Jesus' _____ Coming?
- The Kingdom Comes into its _____
- The _____ of the Kingdom is fully revealed!

Practical Handles on moving forward in Discipleship

Intentional Self-Denial

- o Is there something I do or love that I would not _____ for Jesus?
- o Choose to _____ from something this week.

Practice Submission

- o Are there times that I am _____ of or unwilling to show my love for Jesus?
- o Choose to _____ when you don't have to.

Choose to Follow

- o Am I Really Following Jesus or am I _____?
- o What is one attribute of Jesus' life that I can intentionally imitate this week?

November Memory Verse -- 1 Peter 4:10 (NIV) Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.