



# THIS IS OUR TIME

## **Hello Group Leaders!**

Here is what you need to know this week: **Following the sermon on 9/21/21**  
(if you miss the Sunday sermon, make sure to go back and **WATCH** it before your group meeting)

**Title** - Death is the Engine of Life

**Read Scripture** - Matthew 16:21-27

One single little grain of wheat has the tremendous potential to be incredibly productive. However, without first falling into the ground and dying... it is incapable of bringing forth new life. As a follower of Christ, He teaches that we are to die daily to our selfish desires and ambitions and that, in dying, He brings forth new life. Today we explore what it looks like for us to die to ourselves and experience new life!

### **Small Group questions:**

1. Why does Peter “rebuke” Jesus after Jesus tells the disciples that he must suffer, die and be raised from the dead?
2. What is the implication of Jesus’ response to Peter in v. 23?
3. In v. 24, Jesus says that his disciples must “deny themselves” and “take up their cross”. What do these concepts mean and what do they look like practically in everyday life? Is there any correlation between these two concepts and the heart attitudes that Jesus describes in Matthew 5:3-12? If so, what?

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4. Paul urges us “to offer our bodies as a living sacrifice”. What does the “verb” tense of “to offer” suggest in this instruction? What is the practical implication of this instruction? How do we do this? What can a “living sacrifice” do?
5. How do you live out v. 2? Are you living the promise that God makes in the last sentence? If so, how?
6. What is the correlation between [Romans 12:1-2](#), [Matthew 16:24-25](#) and [Philippians 2:5-8](#)? How do we have the same mindset as Christ?
7. What do you need to die to so that you can really live? What does K1 need to die to so that God can breathe new life into K1?

**Closing Prayer:**

- Praise God for His deep love for us, that he would make a way for us to experience new life in Him.
- Ask God to continually reveal the areas of our life that we need to “put to death” so that we can experience new life.
- Ask God to continually reveal what K1, as a community of faith, needs to die to so that God can breathe new life into us and the community He is calling us to love.
- Ask God to open our eyes to see how we can share His promise of new life with others.

**Prayer Requests:**

- Ask for any prayer requests the group may have.
- **Write them down and pray for them throughout the week.**
- If there are any that are pressing, pray over them together before you dismiss.