



DISCIPLED COMMUNITY MATTHEW 16:13-28

Every person is following someone or something. The question is who or what are we following? This is a question every Christian and church has to answer. Jesus gives what is ultimately a simple command: FOLLOW ME! Today, we'll see more of what it means to follow Jesus.

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Psalm 146:1-2

Songs of Praise

Christ Be Magnified
The Power of the Cross

Confession of Faith

New City Catechism #43

Q. What are the sacraments or ordinances?

A. The sacraments or ordinances given by God and instituted by Christ, namely baptism and the Lord's Supper, are visible signs and seals that we are bound together as a community of faith by his death and resurrection. By our use of them the Holy Spirit more

References - Romans 6:4, Luke 22:19-20

Offering

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Please prayerfully consider an online offering

Song of Declaration

Glory Honor Power

New Members

Confession of Sin

Almighty Father, You are the source of every good and perfect gift. We praise Your name for the greatest and most perfect gift: Your son, our Lord Jesus Christ. But in lifting Him up, we humble ourselves before You. We confess to You, not only our sins of omission in failing to do what we know is right, but also our sins of commission in doing what You forbid. O Lord, we are weak and feeble, slow to confess our sins and prone to wander from the path of righteousness. Do not deal with us as our sins deserve but wash us clean in the blood of the Lamb and empower us by Your Spirit to live to honor and serve our Savior King. We praise You that He was born like us that we might become like Him. In Jesus' Name we pray, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Titus 3:4-7

Children's Message

Sermon - Discipled Community

Sermon Scripture - Matthew 16:13-28

Who We Follow

• What is the key to discipleship?

• Luke 5

- What is a disciple?
- What does it mean to have the mind of Christ?
 - Matthew 16:22
 - Philippians 2:5-8

How We Follow

- How would the original audience have viewed this call to take up their cross daily?
- How do the first two commands of Matthew 16:24 go together?
- What does it really mean to follow Jesus?
 - "...self denial is never just a series of isolated acts of mortification or asceticism. It is not suicide, for there is an element of self-will even in that. To deny oneself is to be aware only of Christ and no more of self, to see only him who goes before and no more the road which is too hard for us. Once more, all that self denial can say is: he leads the way, keep close to him." - Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Why We Follow

- How does Jesus answer the question of whether or not it is worth it to follow him (Matthew 16:25-26)?
- What is the reward for following Jesus (1 John 2:24-25)?
- How do all of our core values tie into the idea of following Jesus?

Song of Response

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Benediction

- 1. What does Jesus expect from his disciples?
- 2. How does Philippians 2:5-8 help us understand the potential cost of following Jesus?

- 3. What 3 commands does Jesus give in Matthew 16:24? Which is the most difficult for you?
- 4. How would you respond to someone who asks you if it worth it to follow Jesus?
- 5. What is the promise found in 1 John 2:24-25?
- 6. Are you currently following Jesus? What does that mean to you?