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Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee. They said, “Sir, we want to meet Jesus.”²² Philip told Andrew about it, and they went together to ask Jesus.

²³ Jesus replied, “Now the time has come for the Son of Man to enter into his glory. ²⁴ I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat is planted in the soil and dies, it remains alone. But its death will produce many new kernels—a plentiful harvest of new lives. ²⁵ Those who love their life in this world will lose it. Those who care nothing for their life in this world will keep it for eternity. ²⁶ Anyone who wants to serve me must follow me, because my servants must be where I am. And the Father will honor anyone who serves me.” *John 12:20-26*

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We _____ when we are outside of our comfort zones.

We grow when we are outside of our comfort zones.

When the church is uncomfortable and counter cultural it tends to be _____.

When the church is uncomfortable and counter cultural it tends to be strong.



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“Christianity isn’t collapsing; it’s being clarified.”

“Moralistic Therapeutic Deism”

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When Christianity took off it was built on the supernatural resurrection of a first century Jewish carpenter, which has been and always will be abnormal.

Following Jesus is not a golden ticket to a white-picket fence American dream. It is an invitation to ____, to pick up a cross.

Following Jesus is not a golden ticket to a white-picket fence American dream. It is an invitation to die, to pick up a cross.

A church that is sold out and _____ will become more mature and effective, because those who remain will be all in, committed and invested.

A church that is sold out and unified will become more mature and effective, because those who remain will be all in, committed and invested.

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You – You – You!

Being the church is _____.

Being the church is *difficult*.

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“They didn’t grow because of their cultural accessibility; they grew because they required commitment to an unpopular God.”

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Christianity is a faith literally built on _____.

Christianity is a faith literally built on *humiliation*.

To be a community of Jesus followers is to trade a comfortable, me-centric existence for danger, difficulty, and _____ of all kinds.

To be a community of Jesus followers is to trade a comfortable, me-centric existence for danger, difficulty, and *discomfort* of all kinds.

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