

WELCOME!

WE'RE SO GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

Our mission is to help people **Come** to know Jesus as Savior, **Grow** in a relationship with Him, and **Live** their lives for Him. God loves you and we pray that during the worship service you will be able to connect with Him through song, scripture, and the message.

Sunday, October 1, 2023

Sermon Series: Let Go & Take Hold Scripture: Mark 8:34-38

Speaker: Pastor Kendall Harger

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SUNDAY MORNING CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

NURSERY

AGES: newborn-2 years

Please sign-in your child at the nursery door and pick-up a pager.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

AGES: 3 years-2nd grade

Please drop off your child at Room 114 and sign them in.

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Sermon Notes October 1, 2023

Let Go & Take Hold

<u>Big Idea</u> Lord, help me to let go and to hold on.

Mark 8:34-38

Let Go Hold On
Give up Take up
Hang on = lose Give up

Hang on = lose Give up = save
Gain the whole world = lose Gain Jesus = win

Give up your own way – involves letting Jesus, who knows all about you, determine your goals and purposes in life.

Take up your cross – faithfulness to Jesus is life long, even to the point of death
Living a life of God – commitment, self-sacrifice, and possible martyrdom
Follow me – everyday, in every way, this is a life long commitment
To follow Jesus means one must die to one's own agenda, whether social, political, or spiritual.
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Discussion Questions

<u>Ice Breaker</u>: What is something you should probably get rid of but haven't?

- 1. What part of the message was most impactful to you and why? Read Mark 8:34-38 together. What stands out to you in this passage, and why?
- 2. Reflect on your own life choices and priorities. In what areas do you find it most challenging to let go of your own way and follow Jesus's way?
- 3. In what practical ways can we encourage one another in our small group to live out the call to "take up our cross" and follow Jesus daily?
- 4. What are some common things people often prioritize over their soul's well-being?
- 5. What does it mean to you personally to understand the worth of your soul? How does this understanding impact your choices and decisions?
- 6. In verse 38, Jesus mentions not being ashamed of Him and His words. What does this unashamed life look like for you this week?