

RE:SOLUTION

RE:SOLUTION, PART 2: SOMETHING TO SHOW FOR IT

This is that time of year when we become painfully aware of where we are not, who we are not, and what we need to do differently. Traditionally, the new year is a season of self-absorption. It's all about what we can do to make ourselves better people. The result is that churches, health clubs, debt counselors, and vitamin shops do a booming business.

But we tend to forget that the people we respect the most didn't devote their lives to becoming the best versions of themselves. They devoted their lives to making a difference in the world—or in someone's world.

BIG IDEA: Devote yourself to more than yourself so you will have more than yourself to show for yourself.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Over the last week as you wrestled with the question, “What breaks my heart?”, what came to mind?^[1]_[SEP]
2. In what ways have you pursued significance throughout your life? How successful were those approaches?
3. During the message, Carlo said, “Devotion to Jesus isn't so much about self improvement; it's about self-denial.” Respond to that statement. In what ways does it challenge your assumptions about faith?^[1]_[SEP]
4. *With your Bible or the Bible App, read Luke 14:26-33.* Respond to what Jesus said in the passage. In what ways does it challenge your assumptions about your purpose in life? In what ways is it comforting?

“If you want to be my disciple, you must, by comparison, hate everyone else—your father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even your own life. Otherwise, you cannot be my disciple. And if you do not carry your own cross and follow me, you cannot be my disciple. “But don't begin until you count the cost. For who would begin construction of a building without first calculating the cost to see if there is enough money to finish it? Otherwise, you might complete only the foundation before running out of money, and then everyone would laugh at you. They would say, ‘There's the person who started that building and couldn't afford to finish it!’” “Or what king would go to war against another king without first sitting down with his counselors to discuss whether his army of 10,000 could defeat the 20,000 soldiers marching against him? And if he can't, he will send a delegation to discuss terms of peace while the enemy is still far away. So you cannot become my disciple without giving up everything you own. - Luke 14:26-33

5. How would you answer this question: “At the end of my life I would like people to line up and thank me for...”?^[1]_[SEP]
6. Based on your answer to the previous question, what might it cost you in terms of time, comfort, money, missed opportunity, or family time to pursue that desired future?^[1]_[SEP]
7. What is one thing you can do to begin to move toward that desired future? How can this group help you?^[1]_[SEP]

WHAT WILL YOU DO?

What breaks your heart? What needs to change in your community? What can you do? Who can you partner with? Jesus invites you to a life of purpose. Devote yourself to more than yourself so you will have more than yourself to show for yourself.

CHANGING YOUR MIND

Then, calling the crowd to join his disciples, he said, “If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross, and follow me. If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake and for the sake of the Good News, you will save it.”^[1]_[SEP] Mark 8:34-35