

The Death of Me

WEEK 1 – Death in the Beginning

BIG IDEA:

This is a new year, a fresh start, and an opportunity to gain clarity for yourself personally and spiritually. If you desire to see God do more in your life than ever before, what are you willing to do differently? You can't keep doing what you've been doing and expect a different outcome. The focus of this series is dying to ourselves, so that we can be all that God desires for us to be. When you are willing to die to yourself - real life begins.

KEY VERSE:

Matthew 5:3, "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. How much margin do you make for God? Are you satisfied with that? What do you need to cut to create space for God?
2. Do you really trust God?

Key Point #1: The death of me is the beginning of trust.

3. Who do you trust more, yourself or God?
4. Are you willing to follow Jesus wherever He calls you to go?
5. How much of your daily life is God a part of?

Key Point #2: The death of me is the beginning of a new identity.

6. Is it evident from your life that you have been with Jesus?
7. Are you still living out of your past?
8. Do you look more like Jesus?

Key Point #3: The death of me is the beginning of God's power.

MOVING FORWARD:

The death of me is the beginning of real life. Jesus knew this. It was at his death that real life can begin. Luke 9:23, Then he said to the crowd, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross daily, and follow me." We're called to follow Jesus by dying to who we are, who we were, who we want to be, and to trust and follow him for what he has for us. In your group talk about what needs to die in you today so real life can begin?