

Sermon Discussion Questions

Emotionally Healthy Discipleship | Follow the Crucified Jesus

Compelled Church, September 25-26,2021

1. Read Matthew 16:15–23

- Peter understands only part of the Gospel. What was he missing? Why did Jesus rebuke him?

2. Look at the graph below, and think about how this is true. Share why these are true and give some examples.

The Worlds discipleship	Jesus' Discipleship
Be popular	Reject popularity (Be popular with me)
Be great	Reject greatness (Be great with me)
Be successful	Reject success-ism (Be a success with me)
Avoid suffering and failure	Embrace suffering (Be faithful to me)

3. Read Mark 9:35 “ Sitting down, He called the twelve and said to them, “If anyone wants to be first, he shall be last of all and servant of all.”

Is this really true? Do we really like this?

4. How do we want to be popular in America? How can we all be popular today?

5. What ways did Jesus reject being great?

6. How do we as believer’s attempt to avoid suffering? Is this always God’s will.

7. Read Philippians 3:10 and discuss the 3 ways Paul wanted to know and experience Christ. Which one of these three do we avoid and why?

8. How do we experience the sufferings of Christ? How can we identify with his death.

9. Think about being Cross-centered and Christ-centered in our faith. What freedoms come to us?

10. Read Galatians 6:14. How can we boast in the cross of the Lord? What does it mean that the world has been crucified to us and us to the world?

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1. Be popular versus reject popularity

Matthew 4:5-6 Then the devil *took Him along into the holy city and had Him stand on the pinnacle of the temple, and he *said to Him, “If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down; for it is written: ‘He will give His angels orders concerning You’; and ‘On their hands they will lift You up, So that You do not strike Your foot against a stone.’”

“Jesus denounced any activity that had traces of seeking the approval or admiration of others.”
Peter Scazzero

2. Be Great Versus Reject Greatness-ism

Two Questions

- Are my plans and ambitions for my glory or the glory of God?
- Has God placed before me opportunities for me to be lowly with the lowly, humble with the humble?

3. Be successful versus reject success-ism

- Success is becoming the person God call you to become and doing what God calls you to do in His way according to His time-table.

“That I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death: Philippians 3:10

4. Avoid suffering and failure versus embrace suffering and failure

For I determined to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and Him crucified.” 1 Corinthians 2:2

“For You are my hope; O Lord GOD, You are my confidence from my youth.” Psalm 71:5