

Discussion Guide

Series: *Love God. Love People. Make Disciples of Jesus Christ.*

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PRIMARY PASSAGE

Matthew 16:24-26: *Then Jesus told His disciples, "If anyone would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul?"*

MESSAGE HIGHLIGHTS

- Disciples are called to lay something down
- Disciples are called to lift something up
- Disciples are called to live something out

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Joe began his talk by saying, "We live in a culture and in a day of 'casual Christianity.'" Agree or disagree? Why?
2. In your own words, describe what a disciple is.
3. What do you understand to be the difference between self-denial and denying self?
4. Corrie Ten Boom likens lifting up your cross to daily and smaller actions instead of "going out in a blaze of glory." What do you think of her words?
5. Joe told two missionary stories today: about Adoniram Judson and Tim Tebow. Of the two, was there one that grabbed your attention more than the other? Talk about it.
6. If the Holy Spirit has gotten you thinking about your own discipleship, what might be a next step as you reflect on laying something down, lifting something up and living something out?

God, please move each of us from what is comfortable and familiar to a place where we are more dependent on you than ever before. Help us to hear Your voice and obey. Amen