

Study Guide Questions

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Message: Three Nevers to Never Forget

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Memory Verse: 1 Timothy 4:7-8

Have nothing to do with godless myths and old wives' tales; rather, train yourself to be godly. For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come.

Read Matthew 16:21-28

- How does Jesus' view of what it means to be the Messiah conflict with Peter's view? If you were one of the disciples, would you have been frustrated with the idea of a suffering servant as a Messiah?
- Have you ever fallen prey to one of Satan's traps? How do we get ourselves entrapped? How can we prevent ourselves from being an easy target?
- Have you ever intentionally opposed God's plans? Share about a time in your life when you felt the Lord leading you a certain direction and you refused to follow. What kept you from following God's leading? Did you learn from this event so that you do not repeat the same behavior?
- What does the imagery of carrying a cross convey about what it means to follow Christ? What does it look like for you to deny yourself and pick up your cross to follow Jesus?

Read Matthew 17:1-14

- When you think of Jesus, do you have a tendency to forget about, or to downplay, His power and holiness? How do you think you would respond if you saw Jesus in His full glory or heard God's voice audibly?



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- God says, “This is my Son, whom I love; with Him I am well pleased. Listen to Him!” Listening not only means hearing what was said, but often has the connotation of obedience (*think about when parents say to their children, “Why didn’t you listen to me?”*). How are you doing at listening to what Jesus says?
- Why are the figures of Moses and Elijah important to the Jewish faith? What are they talking about with Jesus (see Luke 9:30-31)? How was John the Baptist a representation of Elijah (see Malachi 4:5-6)? Is Jesus a greater representation of Moses?
For an interesting reference about their future work see Revelation 11:1-14.
- Read 2 Peter 1:16-18 for Peter’s account of his experience at the transfiguration. How might the story of Jesus’ transfiguration clarify part of what Jesus meant in Matthew 16:28?



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