THE WAY OF THE CROSS

SCRIPTURE TO MEMORIZE:

LUKE 17:33
WHOEVER SEEKS TO PRESERVE HIS LIFE WILL LOSE IT, BUT WHOEVER LOSES HIS LIFE WILL KEEP IT.

QUESTIONS TO ANSWER:

- 1. WHAT DO YOU THINK LOSING YOUR LIFE LOOKS LIKE BASED ON THE CONTENT?
- 2. WHEN JESUS SAYS TAKE UP YOUR CROSS IN MATTEW 16 HIS HEARERS WOULD HAVE PROBABLY HEARD OF OR SEEN A CRUCIFIXION BY THE ROMANS. THINK ABOUT WHAT THEY WOULD BE FEELING. HOW DOES THIS AFFECT YOUR HEARING OF THE INVITATION TO TAKE UP YOUR CROSS?
- 3. CAN YOU SEE THE WAY OF THE CROSS FOR YOUR LIFE? WRITE IT DOWN OR SHARE IT WITH THOSE THAT ARE WITH YOU.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT:

THE HARD THING IS, THE WAY OF THE CROSS MAY CONFLICT WITH THE PATH YOU ARE CURRENTLY ON. THAT IS THE BEAUTY OF LENT. IT IS A SEASON OF REPENTANCE, A REORIENTATION TO THE PATH AND WAY OF JESUS. TAKE SOME TIME TO COMMITT THESE THINGS TO JESUS IN PRAYER. LIST YOUR FEELINGS, YOUR FEAR OR EVEN YOUR LACK OF CARE. REMEMBER JESUS IS EXTENDING AN INVITATION, NOT OF DEATH, BUT LIFE THROUGH DEATH.