

INCREASE THROUGH DISCIPLESHIP

Sermon Series : The Increase

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“Those who do not take up their cross and follow in my steps are not fit to be my disciples. Those who try to gain their own life will lose it; but those who lose their life for my sake will gain it.” (Matt 10:38-39)

Increase comes through investing in others:

Matt 10:38-39 - we gain by giving

Dan 12:3 - we gain a reward for investing in others

Prov 13:20; 15:22 - we gain wise input.

Ecc 4:10 - we gain the help of others.

Titus 2:3-5 - we gain purpose as we invest in the next generation

Why should we invest in others?

1. Because Jesus Modeled it

Matt 10:38-39 (cf. 28:19-20)

[Video: KidVenture Stories]

2. Because It Increases My Life

Phil 4:1 (cf. 1 Thess 2:17-20; 3 John 4:4)

We increase as we seek the increase in others

QUESTIONS

1. Mike shared the story of “dinging” a car. Think of a couple of instances this week where you were faced with the choice to choose *self* or to *pick up your cross*. Share (a) one instance where you chose self, and (b) one where you chose to pick up your cross.
2. What kind of person are you? Are you walking around with a MIRROR or a WINDOW?
3. Consider the people God has placed in your life, and the opportunities that are available to invest in others. Name one person/ministry in which God might be wanting you to invest? What is keeping you from investing in others?