

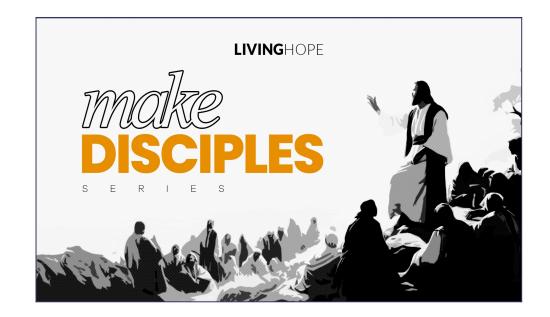


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Make Disciples – Cross Carriers Luke 9:23-26

²³ And he said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. ²⁴ For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it. ²⁵ For what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses or forfeits himself? ²⁶ For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words, of him will the Son of Man be ashamed when he comes in his glory and the glory of the Father and of the holy angels.

Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. – **Luke 14:27**

And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. – **Matthew 10:38**

We must <u>DIE</u> to <u>SELF DAILY</u> to truly <u>LIVE</u> - Death brings Life!

Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵ Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶ If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him. — John 12:24-26

For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. — Romans 8:13

And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. – **Galatians 5:24**

³ For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. ⁵ Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.

- Colossians 3:3-5

Christ's ATTITUDES, MOTIVES and ACTIONS become our own

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. – **Galatians 2:20**

¹ Since therefore Christ suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves with the same way of thinking, for whoever has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin, ² so as to live for the rest of the time in the flesh no longer for human passions but for the will of God. – 1 Peter 4:1-2

¹¹ For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people ¹² training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, ¹³ waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, - **Titus 2:11-13**

We walk in <u>OBEDIENCE</u> to God's <u>WILL</u> and fulfil His <u>PURPOSES</u>and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called The Place of a Skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. – John 19:17

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

- Ephesians 2:10

¹⁰ so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; ¹¹ being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy; ¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.

- Colossians 1:10-12

Community Group Questions

- 1. Being a follower of Jesus is hard, but so worth it! What are some of the challenges you face? How do you overcome them?
- 2. Testify to one another of the transformative work of Jesus in your life!
- 3. How has God spoken to you personally through this message? What area of your life do you need to bring into alignment with Him?
- 4. Cross carrying is not intended to weigh you down. Pray for one another for a fresh measure of God's empowering grace!