

# "Following After Christ"

## Matthew 16:24-27

### I. The Ministry of Jesus Christ

A. Jesus begins to **Explain** His Mission of the Cross

B. Jesus **Rebukes** Peter

C. Jesus Explains **Discipleship**

#### 1. The Interests of God (vs.24-27)

a. Having God's Interests means \_\_\_\_\_

b. The mindset that Jesus had toward \_\_\_\_\_ relative to the Father's will is the mindset that He desires to \_\_\_\_\_ in the mind of His disciples.

c. If you are \_\_\_\_\_, it is God's desire that you \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus Christ as His disciple.

#### 2. The **Characteristics** of Discipleship

a. All believers in Christ are disciples \_\_\_\_\_

b. This does not mean all believers in Christ are disciples of Christ \_\_\_\_\_

c. The condition for practical discipleship described here is to \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ's Word.

d. Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone desires to \_\_\_\_\_ (ἔρχομαι ὀπίσω) Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.

#### 3. The **Cost** of Discipleship

a. Following after Christ as His disciple means \_\_\_\_\_

\* This means \_\_\_\_\_

\* Who are you to disown?

b. Following after Christ as His disciple means \_\_\_\_\_

c. Following after Christ as His disciple means \_\_\_\_\_

4. The **Importance** of Discipleship

a. An \_\_\_\_\_ or a \_\_\_\_\_ of life is at stake

b. It is an issue of personal \_\_\_\_\_

c. Your choice to invest in the \_\_\_\_\_ (save your life) results in you  
\_\_\_\_\_ (lose) it

\* But what if you gain the whole world?

\* What does "exchange" communicate?

d. A \_\_\_\_\_ or a \_\_\_\_\_ of reward is at stake

\* What does this mean to you?