

# INSIDE IDEO The Cost of Christianity

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MATTHEW 16:21-28

*From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man." vv. 21-23*

## I. Following Christ means following Him to \_\_\_\_\_.

*Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me." v. 24*

**DENY YOURSELF:** Die to your innate desires which conflict with God's \_\_\_\_\_ for you. (Phil 2:2-5)

**TAKE UP YOUR CROSS:** Die to your image and accept God's \_\_\_\_\_ for you. (Gal 1:10)

**FOLLOW CHRIST:** Die to your own way and submit to God's \_\_\_\_\_ for you. (Prov 3:5-6)

## II. Following Christ means following Him to \_\_\_\_\_.

*"For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul? For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done. Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom." vv. 25-28*





1. In what situations do you find it difficult to follow Jesus?

**FOR THIS WEEK**

**SCRIPTURE MEMORY VERSE:**

**Matthew 16:24**

*Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me."*

**JOURNAL:**

Matthew 16:21-28

**"Ordinarily we use the word self-denial in a restricted sense. We use it to mean giving up something. For instance, a week of self-denial may be a week when we do without certain pleasures or luxuries in order to contribute to some good cause. But that is only a very small part of what Jesus meant by self-denial. To deny oneself means in every moment of life to say no to self and yes to God. To deny oneself means finally, once and for all to dethrone self and to enthrone God. To deny oneself means to obliterate self as the dominant principle of life, and to make God the ruling principle—more, the ruling passion—of life. The life of constant self-denial is the life of constant assent to God."**

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2. Read Matthew 16:21-28. Why did Jesus begin at this particular point to tell His disciples what would eventually happen to Him?

3. How did Jesus characterize Peter's objections? How did the fact that He was the Messiah mean something totally different for the disciples than for Jesus?

4. What does it mean to deny yourself, take up your cross and follow Jesus? how did the sermon provide a new way for you to understand these phrases?

5. What change in your weekly schedule could you make so it better reflects what God considers important?

**JOURNAL Matthew 16:21-28**

Before the disciples could preach that Jesus was the Messiah, they had to learn what that meant. What was that realization they didn't yet have? How did you come to that realization?

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