



## Going Deeper into

### Matthew 16:24-28 – “What it Means to Follow Him”

1. In Matthew 16:21-28, Jesus corrected His disciples’ misunderstanding of His mission along with what it means to follow Him.

What character traits must one have to accept being corrected?

How have your viewpoints changed since becoming a Christian?

How would you explain to a new Christian what it means to “follow Jesus?”

*Pray: Dear Heavenly Father, teach me what it means to follow Jesus, and help me to accept the changes in my life that following Jesus will bring me.*

2. Denying yourself is being willing to lay aside any desire, ambition, or agenda that hinders you from following what God has said.

Think about yourself and others around you. What are some common desires that people have?

What have been some specific desires or ambitions in your life?

If God were to lead you away from these ambitions in order to follow Him in a different area, how hard would it be to let them go on a scale from 1 to 10?

What would be some possible benefits of obeying him despite your own ambitions?

***Pray: Dear God, I bring you my ambitions and my desires, and I pray that I would desire to obey you more than I would desire to see my ambitions fulfilled.***

**3. The sermon explained that “taking up the cross” means for Christians to consider ourselves dead to our old life.**

At what age did you trust in Christ for your salvation and begin following him?

Read Romans 6:4, 10-13. This passage reveals that considering yourself dead to your old life also involves living a new life for God. What are some ways that you can display a new life?

***Pray: Heavenly Father, thank you for the life you have given me in Jesus. Thank you for making me alive in you and dead to my sins. Help me to live out what you have given me.***