

Harbour Shores Church

“Touching Lives with the Truth”



Title: “Totally Surrendered Followers: The Immeasurable Gain of Loss and Shame”

Text: Luke 9:23-27

Introduction:

Christ wants more than a _____. He wants a _____.

Christ has not called us to merely be saved. He’s called us to _____ disciples and _____ disciples:

Scripture: Matthew 28:19-20; Philippians 4:9; Matthew 10:37-38; Luke 14:25-35

I. Christ Has Basic _____ for Would Be Disciples. (v.22- 23a)

A. _____ Your Self.

What does it mean to “deny”?

“When I speak of “the world” I mean those people who think only (or mainly) of the things in this world and neglect the world to come—those who think more about the body than the spirit, more about pleasing men than pleasing God.” (J. C. Ryle, “Walking with God”)

Scripture: Titus 2:11-12; 2 Peter 1:2-3

B. _____ Your Desires.

We must take up our cross _____ because of the _____ of our sinful desires.

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Realities of the Daily Cross:

1. The daily we must take up is _____ .
2. The daily we must take up is _____ .
3. The daily we must take up is _____ .
4. The daily we must take up is _____ .

Scripture: Matthew 5:10-12; Philippians 3:12-17; 1Timothy 4:12

C. _____ **Your Savior.** (v. 22, 23d)

Scripture: Colossians 1:28; Galatians 4:19

II. Christ Has Strong _____ for Would Be Departers. (v. 24-26)

A. If your _____ matters at all, then _____ it for Christ.

Scripture: 1 John 2:15-17; James 1:13-15; Philippians 3:7-8; 3:18-21

B. If your _____ matters at all, then _____ it for Christ.

Conclusion: Christ Has Final Words of Encouragement for Surrendered Disciples (v. 27)

Scripture: Philippians 3:7-11

It will be worth it all when we see Jesus,
Life's trials will seem so small when we see Christ;
One glimpse of His dear face all sorrow will erase,
So bravely run the race till we see Christ.

Discipleship Is Our Lifelong Commitment:

Discipleship is the process of communicating spiritual truth from one believer to another, so as to grow spiritually as we mature together as followers of Jesus Christ. Scripture describes this as progressive sanctification. (2 Tim 2:2, Matt 28:18-20, Romans 6:12-19) Discipleship is the process of applying truth to life, and it is only effective when we become obedient to that truth. Biblical discipleship fosters spiritual maturity. (Colossians 1:28). We as individuals are committed to participating in the lifelong discipleship process in our own lives. (Hebrews 5:11- 6:1) We desire to become doers of the Word, not just hearers of the Word. While discipleship occurs in formal teaching, it is most effective through relational mentoring and modeling. It is the responsibility of every believer to disciple other believers. We are committed to godly involvement in the lives of others that results in the building up of one another. (Eph. 4:11-13, Heb. 10:24-25)

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Realities of the Daily Cross:

1. The daily we must take up is personal.
2. The daily we must take up is intentional.
3. The daily we must take up is habitual.
4. The daily we must take up is shameful.

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C. Follow Your Savior. (v. 22, 23d)

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III. Christ Has Strong Warnings for Would Be Departers. (v. 24-26)

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