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DISCUSSION GUIDE

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Read Matt. 16:24. Pastor Jeff in his message says that the word follow, Akoloutheiō ((A-Ko-Lu)-Theo), means to walk in the steps of the one who is teaching you. What are some of the ways to walk in the steps of Jesus? (See. Gal 5:22, Eph. 4, Jn. 13:34-35, Matt. 23:11, Jn. 8:31-32, Mk. 16:15)

READ **Matthew 16:24-28**

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- Discipleship is a choice. Jesus makes it very clear that it is not an easy way to live. In what ways is your living as a disciple of Christ life-giving for you? Are there burdens associated with your discipleship that you may need to ask the Lord to help you carry at this time?
- We are invited to follow in his footsteps. Like him, we are to be ready to take up our cross (Vs. 24), whatever it may be, and carry it behind him. Notice, Jesus tells the disciples to take up their own cross, not his. Is there something in your life today or every day, that you are struggling under the weight of?
- Read Vs. 25-26. Self-denial is a difficult lesson and cuts across the grain of flesh and blood. We are often affronted by the very thought of it. Are you willing to deny yourself, take up your cross and follow Christ 100%? What would that look like for you?
- In Matthew 16:27 we hear the first time about the second coming of Jesus. What do we learn about it? What do you think Matthew 16:28 means? (ref. 2 Peter 1:16–18; Mk. 9:2–10; Lk. 9:28–36).
- Have there been times in your life when God has revealed things to you that were hard, but essential, for you to hear? What helps you to attend to the convicting voice of God's Spirit? Are you ready for God to point out anything in your life that offends him? What might help you to get ready, if you're not?

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