



Week 4 | July 22 Sermon

GROUP Discussion::

- 1) Please read and review the teaching passages for week # 4 in this series:

Matthew 16:21-27

Colossians 3:1-17

What in these passages speak to the ideas of “dying to self”?

How, Biblically, do you define “dying to self”?

How, practically, do you live “dying to self”?

What do your answers reveal about your relationship with the Good Shepherd?

- 2) Most people do not want to pursue the Lord tenaciously or trust Him unswervingly because we are afraid of losing something of value.

How does “dying to self” impact your answer?

- 3) In His study notes Kevin wrote “Human desire is infinite by nature; it cannot be satisfied. You can never get enough money, if you want money. You can never get enough power, if you want power. You can never get enough love, you can never get glory. It is impossible. This is vital to understand. Jesus spoke directly about this in Matthew 16:24.

“Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.”

The cross here means the acceptance of limitations on desire. Without establishing, this for yourself, there will only be frustration or worse, for you can never satisfy desire. If we are going to live a Psalm 23 life, we must be focused and intentional in fighting against the selfish pull of the selfish life. Until we have done this, we will be incapable of entering by faith, with trust, in the life our Good Shepherd longs to give us.

Agree/Disagree? Why?

- 4) Would you be willing to pray for each other? Perhaps you each can share where you need to “die to self” and then, pray for each other.

*Refer to the bulletin insert including the three things Kevin is asking the congregation to memorize. Consider working on your memorization together!

