

THE ONE JESUS LOVED

Sermon Discussion Guide

Part 4 - *A Team of 12* - Pastor Rob Ketterling

Let's Recap:

This weekend Pastor Rob taught on the sacrifice necessary when you step into the circle of the twelve. The disciples moved to a place where they daily had to voluntarily take up their cross and add suffering to the joy and blessing of being close to Jesus. If we desire this level of intimacy with Christ, it will not come without a cost. This step is where many regress and go backwards to the easier, but less fruitful places.

Tune In:

Icebreaker: Share a time where you took a shortcut that didn't yield the intended results. It may have been in school, travel, a home improvement project, etc.

To prepare for our time, please read: Matthew 16:21-27; Luke 9:23; Romans 12:1,2 (The Message Version)

Go Deep:

- Taking up your cross is a moment of decision. Pastor Rob made a comparison that many people can relate to - jumping into cold water for a swim. It is a choice - we're free to do it or walk away. Can you recall a time in your life where you had to make a simple choice to do something where you would experience discomfort at some level?
- We learned this weekend that discipleship is not a one time taking up of your cross, but a daily sacrifice. It seems that we no sooner recover from one sacrifice that God often asks us to step through another difficult step. How does this challenge stir you? What "crosses" have you taken up? Share how you got closer to Christ through that sacrifice.
- The Holy Spirit is very faithful to reveal to us what He is asking of us next. Have you had a nudge from the weekend message on what cross God may be asking you to pick up or lay down right now - what sacrifice of obedience is your next step?

Live Out:

Pray this week that God would reveal a specific sacrifice that you can make that will draw you into deeper intimacy with Him. If you are already aware of it, pray that you would have the strength to obey. Consider sharing this with someone for accountability.

