

10. What are two tendencies in our hearts related to the cross:
 - a. _____ or _____ the cross of Christ,
 - b. Dismiss from our minds the necessity of _____
11. When Jesus was hanging on the cross, He became what?
12. Death to self is central and foundation to being what?
13. Have you denied yourself, died to self, and surrendered your will to follow Christ?
14. Jesus never presented salvation as mere what?
15. If you want Jesus Christ in your life, He doesn't come in as a "tack on;" He comes in as what?
16. The man in Matthew 19 wasn't willing to do what was required because He didn't want Jesus to become what?
17. What word in our text tells us that these words of Jesus are relevant for anyone/everyone who wants to belong to Him?
18. Some teachers would say that the words of Jesus were only intended for whom?
19. These words in our text were spoken to whom?
20. The first thing one has to do is what?
21. What is our problem?
22. Self is preoccupied with a what?
23. "Once you are in a proper relationship with God it becomes easier and more natural to love yourself" is what kind of statement?
24. What verse do many people misquote and misinterpret to support the unbiblical concept of learning to love self more?
25. We are to love our neighbors as we already do what?
26. What two references tell us that we love ourselves?
27. Denying self is also the way we continue to live life to be what?
28. Paul knew that the desires of self have to be what?
29. Secondly we have to do what to self?
30. Taking up your cross meant walking the path toward a what?
31. Jesus wants what kind of commitment?
32. Luke 9:23 records Jesus saying that we have to take up our cross how often?
33. Thirdly, we have to do what to follow?
34. In the gospels, how many times did Jesus say, "Follow me".
35. Our fear of doing what Jesus says here is that we will completely lose what?
36. What do you forfeit if you hold on to your own life, plans, preferences, and refuse to surrender to Jesus?
37. If we present our bodies to God as living sacrifices, we will find that God's will is what?
38. Are you afraid of God's will?
39. If you try to save your life, you will what?
40. If you lose your life for the Lord, you will what?

41. To be the wealthiest person on the earth but not ready for eternity would be what?

42. In verse 37 Jesus lets us know that salvation is a what?

43. Where did Paul put everything from his profit column?

44. In verse 38, what is Jesus NOT saying?

45. In verse 38, Jesus is referring to what?

46. Have you denied yourself and taken up your cross to follow the Lord Jesus? What's holding you back?

Remember: Your responsibility, by God's enabling, is to consistently apply the divine principles and truths you have heard (Philippians 2:12-13; I Timothy 4:7-9; James 1:22-27). As you meditate on this message, ask yourself these questions:

»»How does God want my beliefs/actions to change?

»»How can I accomplish this change?

»»What is the first step toward bringing about this change

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FOR NEXT TIME:

1. Read Mark 1:1-9:8 one time
2. What do you think is perhaps one of the greatest events ever experienced by Peter, James and John?
3. What is the "Transfiguration" and why was it a significant event?

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WHOEVER DESIRES TO COME AFTER ME

Mark 8:34-38

Series #41

The following are questions designed to facilitate greater learning and deeper understanding of spiritual truths presented in the sermon: **"Whoever Desires to Come After Me."** All of the questions are answered as the sermon is presented. We hope that it will be a catalyst to spiritual growth in your life.

1. In your opinion, what is the central symbol of Christianity?
 2. Apart from the substitutionary death of the Lord Jesus on the cross to pay for our sins and to take the righteous wrath of God in our place, Christianity is what?
 3. In the first century, what was a despicable symbol?
 4. Why is it odd that we would have the cross as an item of decoration or as a piece of jewelry?
 5. The first way in which the cross is central to Christianity is that it represents what?
 6. Secondly, the cross represents what?
 7. To become a Christian, Jesus had to die on the cross for our sins and we have to do what to receive the salvation He provided?
 8. How often to you hear about the necessity of death to self for salvation and death to self for Christian living?
 9. When you see a cross, do you think about the importance of death to self?
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