



## Ridge Group Lesson “Matthew”– August 21, 2016

### Getting Started

What were some of your highs (wins) this week? What were some of your lows (struggles) this week?

Now that we are done with the Old Testament, what is one thing you learned from the OT that you didn't know before?

### Digging Deeper

Read Matthew 9:11-13; 36-38

What is at the heart of what Jesus is saying in verses 12-13?

Jesus tells His disciples to ask God for more workers for the harvest. Who do you think these “workers” are? Is it hard to pray for workers? In what ways can you be a worker in the harvest?

Read Matthew 16:24

We don't have a physical cross to carry, but what are some ways that we can pick up our cross, deny ourselves and follow Him?

### Bring It Home

Greg read this quote, “As soon as Christianity becomes primarily a classroom discussion it also becomes an idea to agree with rather than a savior to follow.” Do you agree with that statement? Why or why not?

Following Jesus is more than a belief in something. It's a response to someone. What does that mean to you?

What is one thing that you can **obey** and put into practice in your life from this sermon and/or lesson?

Is there anyone in your life that needs to hear the truths found in this message/study? How can you share with them?

Spend some time praying together as a group.