

DISCIPLESHP

WHAT IT MEANS TO FOLLOW JESUS PART III: THE CROSS AND RESURRECTION

Reading Assignment

Have students read Luke 23-24.

Intro Discussion:

Have you thought any more of the sermon on the mount since we met last? What areas do you find yourself continuing to struggle with?

Content:

As you read Luke 23-24, a story you've heard many times, what impacted you? Did you notice anything new?

What is the significance of the cross for our lives? This is a loaded question, but part of the story of Jesus and his cross, is that he is leading an example we are supposed to follow. Remember that we too are supposed to carry our own cross daily and follow Jesus (read Luke 9:23-27 together).

We too are supposed to die to ourselves everyday, that we might come alive with Jesus! This speaks not only of a future resurrection of our body, but also of a metaphorical resurrected and new life we are supposed to live right now!

- Only when we die do we truly live. Have you seen this to be true? How so?

What does it mean to bear our own cross, to deny ourselves, to die to ourselves?

- Part of it is putting others before ourselves.
- Read Philippians 2:1-11 together.
- How can we practically have “the mind of Christ?” What does it look like on a practical level to “count others as more significant than ourselves?”

Challenge

How can you put someone before yourself this week? How can you serve someone? For extra reading take a look at John 13:1-20. Ponder what Jesus did in the story. How can we do something similar?

For next week, read Matthew 28.