

The Way of Discipleship

Matthew 16:24

The Cross

- If anyone would come after me
- Do I really want Jesus?

The Cross

- he must deny himself
- I must be willing to set aside my agenda and put God and his kingdom first.
- Holy Indifference

The Cross

- take up his cross
- Going after Jesus will involve suffering and possibly death.

The Cross

- follow me
- Jesus is the one who leads.
- I go where he goes, and I do what he does.

True Life

- whoever wants to save his life
- will lose it
- whoever loses his life for me
- will find it

True Life

- Jesus is life.
 - If we try to hold on to ourselves or remain in control, we will lose.
- We cannot save ourselves.

True Life

- Jesus is life.
 - If we surrender to Jesus, the source of life,
 - we will find life.

True Life

- What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul?

True Life

- Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul?
 - Your life is priceless.

Glory

- For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father's glory
 - he will reward each person according to what he has done.

Glory

- some who are standing here will not taste death
 - before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.

Glory

- Jesus is the Christ, the son of the living God.
- He will rule and reign in glory.
 - If we share in his sufferings, we will also share in his glory.

Way of Discipleship

- We must be willing to follow Jesus to the cross.
- We find true life in Christ alone.
- We will share in his glory.