

Digging Deeper for the week of May 3, 2010

Based on Kerry Jech's sermon; "I am Responsible: For My Intimacy with the Almighty"

Jesus, in his ministry, was constantly surrounded by thrill seekers; people who were curious but not serious; even though Jesus made His expectations clear by saying things like "you cannot be my disciple unless you pick up your cross and follow me" or "if you want to follow me you must hate your father and mother" or even, "let the dead bury their own dead, you follow me." So let's come to an understanding of what Jesus expects of us, let's ask this question:



MOM and/or DAD DISCUSSION QUESTION

"Are you curious, or are you really serious about following Jesus?"

Take a moment and ask each person in your family to respond and then follow up with this question.

"What do you think it means to be really serious about following Jesus?"



If you have access to the internet: click on the link and click play: <http://vimeo.com/7400735>

Whether you were able to watch this clip or not, take a moment and think.

How are your priorities conflicting with the expectation of Jesus to daily pick up your cross?



Bible Time!

Read Luke 14:25-33...For an online Bible: www.biblegateway.com

We're going to take a couple of moments and really focus on verse 33.

Jesus says, "So you cannot become my disciple without giving up everything you own."

Here's the deal. Before you commit your life to following Jesus, it means that you must be willing to give up "everything". You must be willing to give up your family, career, car, house, retirement, savings, reputation, popularity, sport, education, allowance, church family, ipod, laptop, cell phone... "everything"

Paul said it another way in Philippians 3:8. Look it up in your Bible or go to www.biblegateway.com Summarize Paul's words. What do you think he means?



MOM and/or DAD DISCUSSION QUESTION

"What things do we do or have that take more of a priority for us, than making sure we are growing spiritually together."

Follow up with this thought.

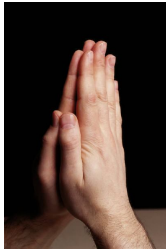
Does Jesus want us to literally give up everything? The point is, He might, and we need to be willing to give up everything if that's what He wants for us. More than likely though, Jesus is expecting for us that in everything we do and have we are including Him in it. For example, if playing sports is a big deal in our family, then we act and talk like Jesus around our coaches and teammates, we make sure they understand that being a Jesus follower is more important than our sport. If we own a home, then we use our home to share Jesus with other people. If we go work then we make sure that during our work day, we are acting and talking like Jesus to our boss and co-workers.



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<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IwL9bMokcsQ&feature=related>

“What does it look like in your family to not only learn about Jesus, but to live IN JESUS?”



PRAYER TIME

Close your discussion with a prayer, asking Jesus to help you through His Word and the Holy Spirit to bring clarity to you and your family of what it means to really be serious about being a Jesus follower.

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