

September 3, 2017  
**"In Search Of Heroes!"**  
**(Matthew 16: 21-28)**

Our theme for today is: "\_\_\_\_\_."

Peter had just called Jesus the \_\_\_\_\_, in v.16, and now Jesus had turned around and called him \_\_\_\_\_.

Jesus knew he had to suffer and die. That was the only way his \_\_\_\_\_ could be fulfilled.

**We must begin here: It was never meant to be \_\_\_\_\_ to follow Jesus!**

Someone wrote a book entitled: "*The Comfortable \_\_\_\_\_.*"

In our society, we seek \_\_\_\_\_ above all else.

We have become comfortable living in such an \_\_\_\_\_ society where our every need is catered to that we can't imagine \_\_\_\_\_ giving any of it up.

**Matthew 16:24 – *If anyone would be my disciple, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.***

**What does Christ expect out of us?**

**#1. – The first thing Christ expects out of us is to recognize that the world doesn't \_\_\_\_\_ around us and our needs and \_\_\_\_\_.**

You and I need to make an \_\_\_\_\_.

Can we become so obsessed with our own \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ that we totally \_\_\_\_\_ the needs of those around us?

Some of us have chosen for our heroes people who have \_\_\_\_\_ their lives to one thing and one thing only.

**#2. – The second thing Christ expects out of us is that we would make Him and His Kingdom our \_\_\_\_\_ priority.**

Here is where the \_\_\_\_\_ meets the road in Christian \_\_\_\_\_.

Are we simply a \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ, or are we a \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ?

Self-denial isn't about keeping oneself \_\_\_\_\_ from the world. Self-denial is about \_\_\_\_\_ oneself to the service of others.

This means more than just keeping the \_\_\_\_\_. It means leaving the world a \_\_\_\_\_ place because we've been here.

It means \_\_\_\_\_ ourselves and \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus who gave his life for us and for the entire world!

The world today needs \_\_\_\_\_ who will \_\_\_\_\_ not only their own dreams, but also God's dream of what that means for them!

**It makes a difference!**