

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?

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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!