



Life Guide

applying God's Word to life

“I must lose my life” September 16-18, 2017

(Matthew 16:21-26) From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life. {22} Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. "Never, Lord!" he said. "This shall never happen to you!" {23} Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of men." {24} Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. {25} For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will find it. {26} What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul? Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul?

1. Name one thing you would be sure to do if you learned that you only had six weeks to live.
2. In what way does Matthew 16:21 mark a turning point in Matthew's gospel?
3. Put yourself in Peter's shoes. Why do you think Peter said what he did in v. 22?

4. In what way do Peter's words represent a temptation from Satan?

5. Agree/disagree: The most difficult temptations come from the people closest to us. (Give an example.)

6. In v. 24, Jesus is speaking about sanctification, not justification. Why is it important to note this?

7. Give a definition (or example) of a Christian's "cross."

8. Put verse 25 into your own words.

9. Which is more accurate: "The Christian lives to die" or "The Christian dies to live"?

10. What comfort is there in the words, "Jesus lived for me"?

11. What will you take home from this text / sermon / study?