

Sermon Study Questions

March 13, 2022

1. Read Matthew 16:24-28
2. In this passage Jesus tells us what He requires of those who would follow Him. What is the difference between a requirement and a condition? Why is it that the relationship we have with God as participants in the Covenant of Grace is unconditional? How do these requirements we have function if they aren't conditions?
3. What does it mean to deny yourself?
4. Clearly Jesus isn't telling us anything new here in telling us what He requires of His people. Why does He talk about it in this way, saying you must deny yourself and take up your cross?
5. Would you agree with the assessment that the sum of the Christian life is "the denial of ourselves"? Why or why not?
6. Calvin said, "For whomever the Lord has adopted and deemed worthy of His fellowship ought to prepare themselves for a hard, toilsome, and unquiet life, crammed with very many and various kinds of evil." With that in mind, what aspect of living the Christian life is hard for you right now? How are you dealing with it?
7. Seeing how difficult and painful it can be to follow Christ, He provides clear motivation for us. One such motivation is to consider the temporal nature of this life and the things of this life. How does this encourage you to press on when following Christ is difficult?
8. Thinking about eternity is the one motivation that is most constantly set before the people of God in Scripture to encourage us to live as He calls us to. Why is this? What are some examples of this in Scripture?
9. What is a time billionaire? How does this relate to what Jesus is saying in v.26?
10. Pray!