



Taking Up Our Cross Bible Study



What was one of the hardest things you have ever had to give up?

Read Mark 8:34-35

What does it mean to “deny yourself”?

What does it mean to “take up your cross”?

What does it mean to “follow Jesus”?

Jesus is speaking both to a crowd and to His disciples. He is telling them that in order to come after Him, we must deny ourselves. We must lay aside our wants and desires and we must give our lives wholly for the Lord. He also tells us we must take up our cross. In doing this we fully submit to Him and HIS plan for our life. It also means that we must be willing to suffer for Him and the gospel.

Lastly he asks us to follow Him. Once we completely lay aside ourselves, our flesh and surrender our hearts to Him, we are able to truly follow in His ways and fulfill His purpose for us.

Read Mark 10:17-31

How does this young man address Jesus?

What does verse 20 reveal about this young man's walk with God?

Before the young man could follow Jesus, what did Jesus ask him to do?

Was Jesus dealing with his heart or with his actions?

What does verse 22 reveal about the young man's heart?

Why is it hard for the rich to enter the Kingdom of God?

What point is Jesus making in verse 27? _____

In verses 29-31 what does Jesus say we will receive?

Look at verse 21 again. The reason Jesus asked him to give up his riches was because He loved him. Jesus even told him that he would receive treasure in heaven. When the Lord asks us to give things up it is because He loves us and wants our hearts to belong to Him and Him alone. He is not trying to punish us, He has good things in store for us, but we have to be fully surrendered and we have to give up our own wants, desires, agendas and expectations. He calls us to be fully obedient no matter what the cost and we have to rely on God to help us, we can not do it on our own. It is only in God that ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE!

Application

What expectations, desires, agendas or doubts do you have that are holding you back from denying yourself, taking up your cross and following Jesus?

How can you help others, who are like the young man, in their walk with the Lord?

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