

Lesson 5



DAY ONE and DAY TWO: Read Matthew 16:21-23

1. These verses represent the beginning of a new emphasis in Jesus' ministry. What does He now start to teach His disciples?
2. How is this teaching a fulfillment of Isaiah 53?
3. Give specific verses or phrases out of Isaiah 53 and why they are meaningful to you.
4. Why do you think Peter was so determined that this would never happen to Jesus?
5. Do you see any parallels with this passage and Jesus' temptation in the wilderness? See Matthew 4:8-11.
6. Meditate on Jesus' response to Peter. Why do you think He used such strong, devastating language?
7. If you were to realize that Satan was using you for his purposes, who would you try to stop him?
8. Do you think our world is more interested in the things of God or the things of men? How does this impact your life?

DAY THREE: Read Matthew 16:24-26

9. List the three things that Jesus said those who come after Him must do. What do each of them mean?
10. Matthew 16:25 seems to be a paradox. How can you explain or resolve it?

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11. In verse 26, Jesus gives a perspective on the value of a man's soul. What is it? How does 1 Peter 1:18-19 add extra insight?

DAY FOUR and DAY FIVE: Read John 6:60-71

12. Using today's passage and the previous verses (John 6:41-59), explain why many of Jesus' disciples were turning back and no longer following Him.

13. What Christian teachings have you found that offend people today? What other things do people turn to?

14. What has kept you from turning away from Jesus?

15. How does Jesus explain the lack of impact His words have made on those turning away? What is the work of the Holy Spirit based on these verses?

16. What emotion do you hear in Jesus' words in 6:67?

17. What challenges you from Peter's response to the Lord in verses 68-69? Why might it be good for us to frequently make a declaration like this?

18. Following Peter's declaration, why do you think Jesus revealed the truth about Judas? Why do you think Jesus continued to allow Judas to be His disciple?

19. How would you state your reasons for following Jesus?