

Follow Me: Deny Yourself, Take Up Your Cross

INTRODUCTION

- We are going to be tugged towards focusing on only the tem_____. But, the gospel is es_____ and et_____ no matter the circumstances of your life.

SETTING YOUR MIND ON THE THINGS OF GOD

- What was Peter rejecting? _____
- "...for you are not setting your mind on God's interests, but man's." We are almost always swayed by the th_____ of this ea_____ at the expense and rejection of the go_____.

THE UNIVERSAL INVITATION

- What is so sweet about the word, "whosoever?" _____
- The invitation to follow Jesus, to be his disciple, to have believe in him as Lord and Savior is open to ev_____!

DENY YOURSELF

- You can tame the ou_____ all you want, but unless your h_____ is first transformed, nothing is truly denied.
- To deny yourself is to re_____ (re_____) your own fa_____, sinful, prideful self.
- Self-denial for the Christian means ren_____ oneself as the center of existence and recognizing J_____ C_____ as one's new and true center.

TAKE UP YOUR CROSS

- The relationship of the Son to the Father is one of com_____ surrender to Father's will.
- Take up your cross and follow Me" is a call for ab_____ surrender.

FOLLW JESUS

- To be a disciple of Christ is to be con_____ following after Jesus. It is a way of life. It is to be your pa_____ for living.

WHAT ABOUT YOU?

You can have the way of the world and your own personal glory, or you can have Christ Jesus and His cross. It is one or the other. Which shall it be?

