

Take up Your Cross

Life Group Questions for April 9, 2017

Have you ever participated in a foot washing service? Join us Maundy Thursday at 7pm for a time of worship, foot washing, prayer, and communion to commemorate the Last Supper.

Read Matthew 16:21-26

What do we know about Jesus' mindset during this time with his disciples?

Why was Jesus so strong in confronting Peter's comment?

What does it mean to "deny yourself?"

What does "take up your cross" mean?

Read Romans 6:6-11

Jesus knew we had to die to ourselves (our self-preserving, self-absorbed false selves) in order to live the life we were created for. Talk about what this looks like on a daily basis.

What expectations did you have when you started following Jesus? How do you now experience the reality of his call to take up your cross?

Jesus taught this prayer as a tool for us to practice submitting our will to God's will.

As you pray together, open with the Lord's Prayer in Matthew 6:9-13.

This, then, is how you should pray:

*Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.*

*Give us today our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from the evil one.*