

As I have studied the teachings of Jesus I have come to the conclusion that to allow Christ to be the center of my life I must develop a clear communication with Him and learn to obey what He reveals to me. I must seek God in prayer and listen to Him through His Word. To that end, a private, intimate, quiet time with God every day is essential to developing a love relationship in which He is the center of my life.

- Do you have a daily quiet time with God? If so when and where?
- If you do not have a daily time with God, what is preventing you from it? What can you do to change that situation or priority?
- What do you do during your quiet time with God?

In an effort to assist you in developing a daily quiet time with God, each day of the week I am asking you to read the scriptures below and in a journal or notebook answer the following two simple questions:

- What God Said to Me: (My Discovery from His Word)
- What I Said to God: (My Prayer Response)

**Daily Bible Reading For This Week:**

- Day 1: Luke 10:38-44
  - Day 2: John 15
  - Day 3: Matthew 26:36-56
  - Day 4: Matthew 6:25-34
  - Day 5: 2 Chronicles 16:9
- Based upon what you have read this week, how important do you feel your time with God really is?

During your small group time this week share with the group what God has been saying to you during your private devotional time and how you are responding in prayer and obedience.

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**Footprints of Jesus: His Arrest**  
John 18:1-11

1. Jesus' Courage

2. Jesus' Power

3. Jesus' Love

4. Jesus' Obedience

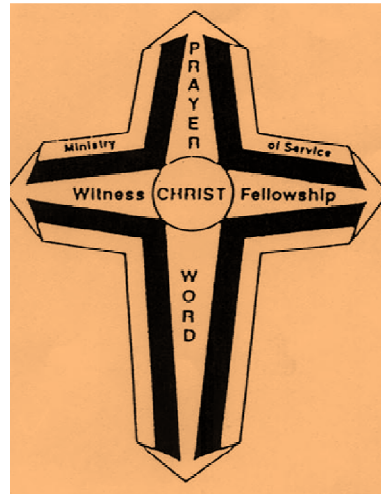
### ***Discipleship Study***

Jesus said, "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me." Luke 9:23

A disciple's life of following Jesus can be summed up in the disciples cross illustration to the right. In this illustration, there are five essential principles disciple's life; Christ, the Word, prayer, fellowship, and witness.

Obeying each principle will lead the follower of Jesus to put into practice the ministries of a disciple.

Each week during Lent, we will be studying one of the five aspects of the Disciples Cross illustration above.



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#### **1. Christ in the Center**

The first principle of the disciples cross is found in the center. Christ must always be at the center of the life and ministry of the disciple.

- John 15:5, "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."
- Galatians 2:20, I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.
- 2 Corinthians 5:17, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!"

I believe that it is possible for us to believe in Jesus as Savior and still not let Him be the Lord of our lives. We can claim Jesus saved us from our sins but still refuse to allow Him to change our lives and use us for His glory. 2 Chronicles 16:9 says, "The eyes of the Lord range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to Him."

- What would your life be like if your heart were fully devoted to God?

One of the toughest teachings of Jesus comes from Luke 14:26-33. In this passage, Jesus is challenging us as followers. He is saying that we must love and pursue Him more than any other person, possession, or purpose. Can you say that you love Jesus more than any other person? That you desire Him more than any other possession? Do you have more passion for Him than any other purpose?

Take a moment and list anyone or anything that is taking priority over Christ in your life:

Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Possession: \_\_\_\_\_

Purpose: \_\_\_\_\_

- Are you ready to completely submit to Jesus as the Lord of your life? Do you really want take up your cross daily and follow Him? What is stopping you?