



11am Bible Study: Pastor Will Lloyd, IV, M.T.S.

Topic: Give It All Up
Chapters: Topical April 5th, 2023

Bible Study Text: Matthew 16:21-27, NKJV, 21 From that time Jesus began to show to His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day.

22 **Then Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him**, saying, “**Far be it from You, Lord; this shall not happen to You!**” 23 But He turned and said to Peter, “**Get behind Me, Satan!** You are an offense to Me, for you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men.” 24 **Then Jesus said to His disciples, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.**” 25 For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. 26 For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? 27 For the Son of Man will come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then He will reward each according to his works.

Intro:

Today’s our daily bread: **Villas Las Estrellas, Antarctica** - a cold and desolate place; the nearest hospital is 625 miles away. If a person’s appendix bursts they will be in serious trouble, so every citizen of Villas Las Estrellas must first undergo an appendectomy before moving there. If you’re like me, you’re thinking “**THAT’S DRASTIC RIGHT?!**”

Connect to our Residency In the Kingdom of God: _____

1.Notice Jesus’ Path To Purpose - Matthew 16:21, NKJV, 21 From that time Jesus began to show to His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day.

Illustration: Lyndon Baines Johnson

Question for Dialogue: What type of pain did you have to endure and overcome to make it to your current path of purpose?

2.Refuse To Allow Others To Get You To Quit On Your Path To Purpose - Matthew 16:22-23, NKJV, 22 Then Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, “Far be it from You, Lord; this shall not happen to You!” 23 But He turned and said to Peter, “Get behind Me, Satan! You are an offense to Me, for you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men.”

Illustration: Angel Reese

Question For Dialogue: There are many reasons why people may not want you to succeed spiritually or just in life in general, some sinful or some selfish, **so what are some ways that you can stop people from causing you to doubt yourself and cripple you from being able to finish your mission from God?**

3. Give Up Your Life's Will and Live Out God's Will - Matthew 16:24-25 NKJV, 24 Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and **take up his cross**, and follow Me. 25 For whoever desires to save his life **will lose it**, but whoever **loses his life** for My sake will find it.

Question For Dialogue: Self-denial, self-control, and taking up our cross to keep our sin-nature in control under God's authority is a daily intentional decision that each of us must make. If I care about Jesus and his gift of rescue at calvary, I'll do it, but if I don't care about Jesus and don't value his rescue at calvary, I won't do it. **Why are so many people losing their lives, because of their refusal to surrender to Jesus?**

4. Our Souls Are Being Fought For Daily, and Only Jesus Can Help Us Win This Battle - Matthew 16:26-27, NKJV, 26 For what profit is it to a man **if he gains the whole world**, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? 27 For the Son of Man will come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then **He will reward each according to his works**.

Question For Dialogue: Solomon taught us that all of the money and pleasures in the world can't satisfy us, so it wouldn't be wise to pay for money and pleasures with **our soul**. Once we've spent our souls on something without the ability to satisfy us, we won't have anything left, because our souls are the essence of our very being and existence. **What are some ways we can try to get more and more people in our community to see that our souls should be spent on Jesus instead of the things of this world?**
