

Sermon Small Group Questions
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USING THIS SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

We have provided all the Scriptures referenced in the sermon and some discussion questions for you to use to facilitate a discussion.

This Sermon Discussion Guide is only a tool to aid you in meeting the needs of your group. For most groups, there are too many questions to answer in one session together.

While the questions are important, remember your small group's goal is not to pound through the questions but to create an atmosphere that will foster true friendships, so knock yourself out with the discussion questions but spend more time laughing than answering the questions.

[Matt 16:24 ESV]

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.

[James 1:2-8 MSG]

Consider it a sheer gift, friends, when tests and challenges come at you from all sides. You know that under pressure, your faith-life is forced into the open and shows its true colors. So don't try to get out of anything prematurely. Let it do its work so you become mature and well-developed, not deficient in any way. If you don't know what you're doing, pray to the Father. He loves to help. You'll get his help, and won't be condescended to when you ask for it. Ask boldly, believingly, without a second thought. People who "worry their prayers" are like wind-whipped waves. Don't think you're going to get anything from the Master that way, adrift at sea, keeping all your options open.

[James 4:7-8 MSG]

So let God work his will in you. Yell a loud no to the Devil and watch him scamper. Say a quiet yes to God and he'll be there in no time. Quit dabbling in sin. Purify your inner life. Quit playing the field.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What one word does the cross mean to you?

- 2. What does it mean to take up your cross?**
- 3. What fruit have you seen produced in you that is only there due to the pressure of life?**
- 4. How do you build strength during seasons of captivity?**
- 5. Scary prayers are the prayers that make the enemy scared, if your prayers don't make you scared then the enemy is not scared. What does a scary prayer sound like? Come on spend some time here. What area of your life do you need a scary prayer, what area of your small group needs a scary prayer, what kind of scary prayers can you pray over your neighborhood, our city our church?**