

WELCOME! We're glad you're here and have decided to join us today!

**Today we celebrate communion.
Anyone who professes Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior
is invited to participate in the
sacrament of Holy Communion.
Those who may not be ready to participate in the Lord's Supper
are welcome at any of the stations
to take a grape and receive a blessing.**

TEACHER: Pastor Garry Nyenhuis

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 16:24-27

SUMMARY: For the second part of our "Worship" sermon series we will look at Matthew 16:24-27. As we begin to respond to God, we leave our stuff behind and focus on Him.

As you dwell on this passage, think through some of these things:

- 1) First, the conversation Jesus was having with Peter was about Jesus' death. Peter didn't think this was what should happen and he voiced that opinion. In what ways have you told God you didn't like His plan? Take some time to confess those ways!
- 2) Next, focusing on verse 24, there seems to be criteria for being a disciple of Jesus. Those things include 1)denying self 2)taking up our cross and 3)following Jesus. Is Jesus simply repeating Himself three times? How do you see these as similar? How do you see them as different? If they are the same, how is it a struggle for you? If they are different, which one is easy? Go through these questions with a spouse/friend/brother or sister in Christ.
- 3) Jesus' next words flip conventional logic on its head, with "whoever loses their life will gain it and whoever wants to save their life will lose it." What does it look like for you to "lose your life for Christ" today? What does this analogy mean for you today? What are the first tangible steps to "losing your life" for Christ?

NOTES:

OUR FAMILY

PRAISE: After Tres Ver Steeg's hip surgery and recovery in North Carolina, Tres and Ken are on their way home! The pain from Tres's hip surgery is minimal, but she is having a lot of pain in her knee area. Please keep Tres in your prayers that her knee pain lessens. (SH)

Reminder: The 6:00am Leadership Breakfast has been rescheduled for this Friday, July 12.

TODAY

9:30am

COFFEE SHOPPE

10:00am

WORSHIP/COMMUNION

10:20am

LITTLE TREASURES

3-5 yr olds time to worship God
meets in Upper Room
watch for dismissal slide

Please remember to stop in the lobby and check in your child

11:00am

STAY AND PRAY

SW corner of the Worship Center

11:00am-11:30am **KID ZONE**

Meets in the JAM room next to the kitchen

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Tues, July 9

3:00pm - Staff Meeting

Wed, July 10

5:00-9:00pm - Church Family Grillout (OC)

Burgers and salads will be served. There will be games in the back yard of the OC Campus and a bonfire to fellowship around and for roasting marshmallows. Don't forget your lawn chairs!

Fri, July 12

6:00am - Leadership Breakfast and video (OC)

CALENDAR BEYOND THIS WEEK

Sun, July 14

Destiny Anderson POF

Donuts with the Pastor following worship

Mon, July 15

6:00pm - Unity Meal (SH)

This is a free meal; everyone is invited!

ELECTRONIC GIVING IS NOW AN OPTION!

One of the things introduced by the Stewardship team is an exciting new option available through Planning Center for electronic giving. You are encouraged to try it out and then share your feedback! You can set up your account one of these three ways:

- ⇒ **Online:** Visit <https://forallwhothirst.churchcenter.com/giving> (You will need to set up your account on this secure website through several steps, follow the prompts).
- ⇒ **On your phone:** Install the "**Church Center App**" and then look for Living Water under the search option. Once installed and verified (through a text code), you will be able to make donations through the app anytime!
- ⇒ **Text:** Text any amount (example: \$20) to "84321" and follow the prompts to set up your account.

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