

Notes from Today's Lesson:

Facing Our Fears: Fear of Following

1. Matthew 16:21 — Jesus demonstrates what trusting God and denying oneself looks like as He commits to going to the cross.
2. Matthew 16:22-23 — Peter's response shows a lack of trust and the sin of putting oneself first in an attempt to avoid suffering.
3. Matthew 16:24 — Jesus commands His followers to trust God, put God first, and continue to follow God.
4. Matthew 16:25-26 — The price of looking out for yourself only and only following your desires is missing out on life with God.
5. Matthew 16:27 — Trust God, and find hope and strength in His promises.

Following requires trust.

- * Trust God and keep Him first.

Following requires commitment.

- * Continue to follow, and ask God for strength each day to not grow weary but to persevere.

Devotional #1: Fear of Following

Read Matthew 16:21-23

Why would Peter argue with Jesus about Jesus telling them He is going to have to suffer and die?

How did Jesus demonstrate trust and commitment to follow God the Father?

What fears do you have about following Jesus, and how can you face them courageously?

Devotional #2:

Commanded to Follow

Read Matthew 16:24-26

What does it look like to follow Jesus?

What is the ultimate cost for choosing to live only for yourself and reject God as your Savior and Lord?

What gain is there for you, if you choose to trust God and follow Him?

Grace Kids Devotional:

This is an opportunity for you to go home and continue to learn about the lesson taught in Children's Church. The three devotionals are designed to connect to this week's lesson.

The Challenge:

Complete all three devotionals either as a family or by yourself. If you are by yourself, you will need to write down your answers to verify you did the devotional.

Have your parent or guardian sign below, verifying you completed each devotional. Each devotional is to be done on a separate date (for example, Monday, Thursday, and Saturday).

The Reward:

Return this portion of your notes to Children's Church on the following Sunday and you will receive one Grace Buck per devotional (so you can earn up to 3 Grace Bucks for doing all three)

(Week of May 24)

Name: _____

Devotional #1

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature

Devotional #2

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature

Devotional #3

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature

Devotional #3:

Trusting God's Promises

Read Matthew 16:27

What is the big promise that Jesus is making in this verse?



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Why is this promise significant to a follower of Jesus?

What promises of God can you remember from Scripture that bring you comfort as you trust and follow God each day?

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