

The cost of leading

Matthew 16:13-28

1 Eat

Read the passage slowly, read it again, then retell it in your own words. If you can't retell it, read it once more.

☐ Read ☐ Reread ☐ Retell

2 Digest

Answer from what the passage actually says — stay in the text.

1. What does this passage show me about God?

What does Peter confess about Jesus, and why does Jesus then rebuke him?

2. What does it show me about people — and about myself?

Where, like Peter, do you want the Christ without the cross?

3. What will I obey this week? (a concrete step, with a day)

What will denying yourself concretely look like in your leadership this week?

4. Who will I tell?

With whom will you talk honestly this week about the cost of following Jesus before inviting them to lead?

3 Grow

Growth is God's part, not yours. Do the cycle faithfully and trust Him to give the growth (1 Corinthians 3:6–7).

★ Pray

Jesus, you are the Christ, the Son of the living God. Keep me from setting my mind on the things of man, and give me courage to take up my cross and lead others to do the same.



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