LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS

Date: February 23rd, 2025

CONNECT AND WORSHIP

- 1. What are you thankful for / what do you have to praise God for this week?
- 2. What has been a struggle / what do you need prayer for this week?
- 3. What were your "I will _____" statements from last week? How did you do on them?
- 4. Pray for one another.

DISCOVER

Read Matthew 16:24-28

In this verse, Jesus clearly and concisely describes the cost of discipleship. Read the supporting passages and consider what that cost really means in your life and what the benefit is and will be for you if you choose to pay that cost.

Supporting Passages:

Romans 12:1-2, Galatians 2:20, 1 John 5:2-3, Romans 8:1, 28, 31-39, Revelation 20:11-15

Discussion Questions:

- 1. What did it cost Jesus to save you? Is it unreasonable to assume that the cost of following Jesus would be any less?
- 2. What does it mean to deny yourself, give up your own way, or be crucified with Christ (**Galatians 2:20**)?
- 3. What does it mean to take up your cross? What is the difference between "taking it up" and having it thrust upon you and what does that look like in your life?
- 4. What does it mean to "follow Jesus" (Romans 12:1-2, 1 John 5:2-3)?
- 5. Discipleship carries a heavy cost. Why is it worth it for you to bear that cost (**Romans 8:1, 28, 31-39, Revelation 20:12-15**)?

PRAY AND RESPOND

- 1. What is God calling you to do in response to this passage?
- 2. What is your "I will" statement? (Example: "I will take a step of faith by ____.")
- 3. Who will you share your "I will" statement with this week for accountability?
- 4. How can others pray for you?

Mission Focus:

- Who will you bless this week?
- How will you live on mission this week?

Spend time praying for each other. Each person should check in with at least one other person from the group this week to pray for and encourage them in their "I will" statement.