



Christian Faith Fellowship

- We are not a perfect church**
- We are not a perfect people**
- We are here because we know we need God's help and He has provided this help through Jesus Christ our Lord!**

Accountability Questions

- **Did you spend at least 5 minutes a day – at least 5 days last week reading/hearing the Bible?**
- **Did you share a God story with someone this week?**
- **Did you spend time alone with God this week?**
- **What is the Holy Spirit is saying to you?**
- **Are you giving as God has asked you give?**



CFF is called to:

Radiate the love of Christ

Reach the Lost and the Saved in order to

Restore them into fully mature followers of Christ

- To be a Christian is to be a Christ Follower
- We begin the life of being a Christ Follower thru confessing our sin – believing Christ died on the cross for our sin and by FAITH receiving His forgiveness for our sin.
- We are now “A Christian – A Christ Follower – Born Again – A Believer – People of the Way – etc.”
- Being a Christian/Christ Follower doesn’t mean you won’t have problems in your life. Being a Christ Follower can be the source of the problems in your life!
- Jesus told His followers that there will be challenges because of Him and His name!

Mathew 10:16-20 “Look, I am sending you out as sheep among wolves. So be as shrewd as snakes and harmless as doves. But beware! For you will be handed over to the courts and will be flogged with whips in the synagogues. You will stand trial before governors and kings because you are my followers. But this will be your opportunity to tell the rulers and other unbelievers about me. When you are arrested, don’t worry about how to respond or what to say. God will give you the right words at the right time. For it is not you who will be speaking—it will be the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.

- Not everyone will be ok with you living your life for Jesus! Family, Friends, people at your work, community leaders, etc. However, the question is: Do you believe you are following God's truth?
- Why are you a Christ follower? Do you Trust Him?
- Jesus never hid the fact that being one of His followers would bring challenges into your life – at the same time – if you are a follower of His – this is the only way to find the peace and answer to life itself!!

Luke 9:23-26 Then he said to the crowd, “If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross daily, and follow me. If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it. And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but are yourself lost or destroyed? If anyone is ashamed of me and my message, the Son of Man will be ashamed of that person when he returns in his glory and in the glory of the Father and the holy angels.

- Last week when we talked about being part of the body of Christ and Christ being the head – it is this challenge that we touched on - giving up our way and letting Him lead!

- *“You must give up your own way, take up your cross daily, and follow me.”*
- You see – it’s not just saying the sinners prayer and punching a ticket to heaven but a daily surrender to following His lead – a life of surrendered obedience
- You may have family turn their back on you – you may have friends that don’t want to be friends – you may have people begin talking about you and creating problems for you **BECAUSE** you follow Jesus

- This doesn't mean everything from here on out is going to be rough – it's just saying – will you follow Him no matter what?
- This week you have had multiple challenges to allow you to know who is leading in your life - how'd you do?
- Is Jesus in charge and directing your life or are you simply inviting Him on your journey?
- *“25 What do you benefit if you gain the whole world but are yourself lost or destroyed?”*

- Jesus is asking us what is more important – what you have and how people view you - or your soul?

Matthew 7:21-23 “Not everyone who calls out to me, ‘Lord! Lord!’ will enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Only those who actually do the will of my Father in heaven will enter. On judgment day many will say to me, ‘Lord! Lord! We prophesied in your name and cast out demons in your name and performed many miracles in your name.’ But I will reply, ‘I never knew you. Get away from me, you who break God’s laws.’”

- Prophecy, casting out demons, miracles do not equal a ticket to heaven...
- What we are seeing throughout the scriptures we are reading is being a Christian is much more than 'just saying a prayer' or 'just attending church'... it is a surrendered life of obedience to the Father!
- It is giving Him Lordship of our life... it is following His lead no matter what people think, say, or how they respond to us
- Being a Christian is surrendering daily – taking up your cross and following Him!

Action Steps

- Reflecting over the past week – Have you daily taken up your cross – following Christ's lead
- How has your life changed since you became a Christ follower?
- Do the people you live with, work with, live life on a daily basis with – know - you are a surrendered Christ follower?
- Right now – will you follow Him no matter what the cost?