

Crucified Life

Icebreaker: Have you been on a mission trip? Tell your group about a highlight of the trip.

Read Together: Galatians 2:20, Phil. 3:12, Matt. 16:24.

Discuss:

- What is your first reaction when you hear “the Crucified Life”?
- What does it mean that I no longer live, but Christ lives in me?
- What does it mean to take up your Cross and Follow Jesus?
- What are some difficulties you have walked through as a follower of Jesus?
- What benefits have you experienced while following Christ?

The Importance of the Crucified Life:

Read Together: Mark 16:1, Matthew 13:23,

Discuss: The Measure of the health of the church is in direct proportion to the amount of reaching out the church does.

- What is your reaction to the discussion statement?
- Pastor Salik said, “We should never be satisfied with thirty or sixty-fold. Become a hundred-fold Christian. The path that accomplishes this is living the crucified life. What category do you most identify with from the list below?
 - The crucified life is also known as:
 - the deeper life
 - the higher life
 - the Spirit filled life
 - the wholly sanctified life
 - the victorious Christian life
 - the practical Christian life
- We are not called to do the amazing things that only God can do. We are called to consecrate ourselves to Him and then the amazing things will happen. **Let that sink in for a minute. What does that speak to your spirit?**
- Jesus did not die on the cross just to save people from hell; rather, He died on the cross so that all could become one with Christ. There is more to the

Christian life than just being saved from the past and being saved from one's sins. There is more to the Christian life than having a happy life on the way to heaven. The crucified life is a life absolutely committed to following to Christ Jesus. It is to be more like Him, to think like Him, to love like Him. **The whole essence of spiritual perfection has everything to do with Jesus Christ, not with rules or regulations; not with legalism, it is a passion or a fire to be like Christ.**

Read Together: Matthew 10:38, Colossians 3:1-10, Romans 6:4

Discuss:

- The cross makes me fit for the Master's use. How do you hope God will use you?
- Our identification with Christ is on the resurrection side of the Crucified Life: We are positionally, already victorious. We are already perfect in the sight of God because of Jesus. How does that change your perception of the crucified life?
- The successful Christian life is not automatic. The soul must be cultivated like a garden and the will must be sanctified to become like Christ. How are you allowing God to change and sanctify you?

We the church are completely different from the world:

Read Together: Romans 6:4, Colossians 3:1-3

Discuss:

- How can we take Heaven's perspective on every issue?

1 John 4:17 "Here is how love has been brought to maturity with us: as the Messiah is, so are we in the world. This gives us confidence for the Day of Judgment." (Complete Jewish Bible)

Crucified Life also means to live Humbly and Hungry for Jesus:

Read Together: 1 John 4:17

Discuss:

- What gives us confidence for the day of judgement?

We are to act as we believe. Jesus died on the cross so that all could become one with Christ. This is the only place where unity in the body is achieved. Letting our own desires go and trusting God to lead is living the Crucified life.

Pray: Take some time to pray for each other to be humble and courageous enough to live the Crucified life. Pray also for our spiritual Brothers and Sisters who are being persecuted for their faith around the world.