

A LIFE OF SACRIFICE

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MESSAGE RECAP

Happy New Year! This week's message was focused on sacrifice. That means, more than eating correctly, going to the gym or whatever crazy new year's resolution we're considering. This year, what if you decided to look deep inside ask some hard question like "What sets me apart as a follower of Jesus?" If we look more like the world than we do Jesus, that is a huge problem. This week Jack challenged us to look deep at the sacrifice that Jesus calls us to in (Matthew 16:21-26). The way of Jesus is one of sacrifice. Why? "Love always requires sacrifice." On the other side of sacrifice is blessings.

GROUP DISCUSSION

1. How are you? How were your holidays? How is your soul?
2. Would you say your life looks more like the world or like Jesus right now? Why?
3. Read Matthew 16:21-26 and talk through different ideas that stand out. According to this text, what does following Jesus require? Why?
4. Sacrifice is a difficult practice in our world. Jack said: "There is always going to be a price for resistance." What might be the price you pay to live sacrificially?
5. What is currently corrupting your sacrifice? Why?
 - a. Is it Pride?
 - b. Is it Entitlement?
 - c. Is it Comparison?
 - d. Is it something else?
6. What is one thing you feel God leading you to deny ourselves and pick up our cross and follow him? This is a moment to be real with one another. Be honest, be authentic, be real.

PRAY

End your group time in prayer.