

Sermon Notes – May 6, 2018

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Sermon Title: Commitment

Matthew 16:24; Luke 9:23

1. Sacrifice

“Sacrifice” means “The act of giving up something _____ for the sake of

something else regarded as _____

Self-denial is not about denying oneself of some _____

Self-denial means to _____

Scripture References: Romans 12:1,2; 5:8; Hebrews 11; John 3:16

2. Selflessness

“Taking up your cross,” means _____

Or, simply, making a commitment to _____

Scripture References:

Romans 6:6; Galatians 5:24; 1 Peter 2:21,22; Hebrews 10:26,27; 1 Corinthians 9:27

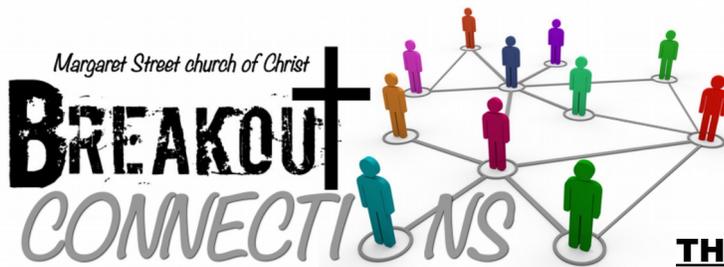
3. Service

People should be able to see _____ in you.

Scripture References:

Revelation 2:10; John 13:15; Philippians 2:4; Matthew 7:12; 22:37-39;
John 15:20; 6:66,67; 2 Timothy 3:12; Mark 10:45

Additional Notes:



*Breaking out into small groups,
Making connections,
Building relationships.*

THOUGHT / DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Answer as many questions as you can during your group breakout session. Answer the remaining questions in your private time and ponder your responses during this week.

1. Did anything from today's lesson stand out, impact you, or challenge you? Do you agree, or disagree with the points, or statements, from the lesson?
2. Have you ever broken a commitment? What is your personal practice regarding making commitments? Or, what do you believe it should be?
3. Why do you think people have such difficulty in commitment? How should a Christian approach commitment? To what exactly should a Christian be committed?
4. What are some good ways, or methods, for keeping a commitment? And/or, how might one teach others to keep commitments?
5. What does self-sacrifice mean, or look like to you? How does one take up their cross daily?
6. Do you see Jesus in someone you know? How do you see Jesus in them? Do you think people can see Jesus in you? Why, or why not?

Group coordination:

7. Are you prepared for your group's monthly (or more often) home Bible study?
8. Go over the Prayer & Contact List for your group. Remember to check on your group members frequently if someone becomes sick or in need. Pray for those on your list.
9. **GROUP LEADERS: Please report to Phillip Webb how many Bible studies your group had in April. Thank you!**