

▼ **In the Shadow of the Cross - Part 5**

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- **Read the Passage: Matthew 20:17-34**
- ▶ **Understand the details of the passage.**
- ▶ **Understand what Jesus is trying to accomplish and the significance of the disciples' response.**
- ▶ **Understand our own response to the cross.**
- ▶ **Respond to the cross properly.**
- ▶ **Respond to God's warnings properly.**

▼ **Demonstrate the Kingdom**

- Jesus' basic agenda was to proclaim, explain, and demonstrate God's Kingdom.
- ▶ Jesus' disciples followed him in this agenda.
- ▶ We need to be about this agenda too!
- ▶ Key questions:
- ▶ Most of us can answer these questions:

▼ **Reigning**

- The cross opens the door for us to manifest our true, intended humanity by reigning with Jesus.
- ▼ In order to reign with Jesus you have to worship and pray.
  - Worship reflects your alignment with God and his agenda.
  - ▼ Entering into worship is a process - just like:
    - waking up
    - exercising (you need to warm up first)
    - entering "the zone" at work
  - Don't try to accomplish through fighting for social justice what you won't support in worship and prayer!
  - You need to have a "grown up" worship and prayer life.
  - Many of us have only a "baby" worship and prayer life.

▼ **Outreach - a key component of Kingdom work**

- Jesus makes his disciples "fishers of men". - Matthew 4:19
- Jesus commands his disciples to make disciples of all nations. - Matthew 28:18-20

- This means that we are to become “fishers of men and women”.
- ▼ Fishing can be done with a rod & reel or with a net.
  - ▶ Rod & reel
  - ▼ Net
    - Coordinated group activity.
    - Someone has to spot the fish. Can you do this?
    - Someone has to sail the boat. Can you do this?
    - Someone has to deploy the net. Can you do this?
    - Someone has to haul the net into the boat. Can you do this?
- ▼ How does Jesus build?
  - ▼ Foundation: Jesus
    - Jesus prays - Mark 1:35-39; Luke 5:16
  - ▼ Leadership: Apostles - primarily stable, employed men
    - ▼ Calling (“Follow me!”)
      - Peter, Andrew, James, John - Matthew 4:18-21; Luke 5:1-11; John 1:35-42
      - Philip & Nathaniel - John 1:43-51
      - Matthew/Levi - Matthew 9:9-13; Luke 5:27-32
    - Appointing - Mark 3:13-19; Luke 6:12-16
    - Cost - Matthew 8:18-22; Luke 9:57-62; Luke 14:25-35
    - Sending out - Matthew 10:1-20; (by twos) - Matthew 14:13-21; Mark 6:6-13; Luke 9:1-9
    - You give them something to eat - Mark 6:30-44; Luke 9:10-17
  - Jesus sends out the 72 (by twos) - Luke 10:1-17
  - ▼ Not invited to follow
    - Leper - Matthew 8:1-4
    - Paralytic - Matthew 9:1-4
    - Gadarene demoniac - Mark 5:18-20
    - Blind man at Bethsaida - Mark 8:22-26
- ▼ **Discussion (last week):**
  - What role or roles can you play in fishing with a net?
  - Whom can you team up with to fish with a net?
  - How can we help you? Do you need prayer for any of this?