

MESSAGE NOTES

DATE MAY 31, 2020

MESSAGE: *How Will You Invest Your Life?*

TEXT: Matthew 16:13-16; Mark 8:34-36

Jesus is seeking a commitment: "Now that you know who I am, are you _____ to commit your life to me?"

"Let me warn you that _____ will seem, in the eyes of the world, as if you are wasting your life."

Jesus was _____ to the point of death and seemed to lose His life for no purpose whatsoever. Yet through His death God _____ Him to the very highest position in the universe.

The Question:

Is your life a _____ or a _____?

A _____ is something we choose for ourselves. A _____ or calling is something chosen for us by someone else.

It's nice to have a career; It's far _____ to be on a mission for God.

If we spend our life in the service of the _____ of _____, the road may not be easy, but ten thousand years from now, we won't regret our decision.

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Big Idea: Do you have a career, or are you on a mission for God?

Getting Started

What did you dream of being when you were younger?

Discussion Questions

1. Read Mark 8:34-36. After listening to Rod's sermon, what stands out to you about these verses?
2. Discuss the difference between worldly pursuits and Godly pursuits.
3. Jesus was considered a failure by most modern standards based on His "career" and the things He lacked (education, money, possessions, spouse/children, etc.). However, His life is still influencing, changing and saving lives to this day. How does knowing this inspire you to pursue your calling?
4. What are you living for?
5. How are you investing in your one and only life?
6. Who is an example of someone who has modeled his or her life after Matthew 16:13-16?

Going Deeper: Reflect back upon your own graduation. In what ways has your life changed since then? Is there anything you need to adjust to fulfill your mission for God?

Pray Together

Loving God, what a great reminder of your kindness and goodness as we are challenged to shift our focus from our career to our calling. We know that your plans for us are better than anything we could ever plan for ourselves. Help guide us on our journey through life to make the most of each day to be faithful servants in all we say and do. Amen.