

There is nothing attractive about the gospel to the natural man; the only man who finds the gospel attractive is the man who is convicted of sin.

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Breaking of Bread & Fellowship

Take some time to share a meal and build relationships. Use the questions below to foster discussion.

What keeps you going throughout the week?

What are you reading in the Word this week?

Review this week's sermon. Share your favorite part, points you related to most, or questions with the group. **Main Idea: The Kingdom of Heaven is counterintuitive.**

Teaching

Read Matthew 16:21-28 together as a group. As you read, make note of any key phrases that stand out or any questions that arise. Then, use the questions and scripture references for group discussion.

1

What did Jesus say he must do? Why was this plan necessary?

*Matt 16:21
Rom 5:6-8
1 Pet 3:18*

2

Jesus compares Peter's ideas to those of Satan. Why was Peter's concern for Jesus's earthly body a hinderance to Jesus's mission?

*Matt 16:22-23
Luke 19:10*

What was Peter doing in speaking his own thoughts and ideas?

3

What does Jesus expect of us if we want to be His followers?

*Matt 16:24-28
Phil 3:10-11*

It's better to suffer with Christ than to be revered by the world. What is rewarded to those who have given their life for the cause of Christ?

*Matt 19:29
Acts 2:38-47*

Prayer

Confess about holding on to your own ideas for how things should be, rather than setting your mind on the things of God.

Ask God:

- to reveal his plans to you and be willing to step into obedience.
- for courage and hope to really follow Jesus

Pray Scripture. Read Hebrews 12:1-3 aloud in prayer to God.