



DIGGING DEEPER

Matthew 10v32-42 – Commitment to Jesus

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GETTING STARTED

Talk about the difference between a personal faith and a private faith...

What does Jesus have to say about identifying with him in v32-33?

When do you find it most difficult to acknowledge Jesus before the world?

1) COMMITMENT TO JESUS – DIVIDES (v34-36)

What does Jesus mean when he says... *'I did not come to bring peace but a sword'*?

How does that division show itself in the home / elsewhere?

2) COMMITMENT TO JESUS – DEMANDS (v37-39)

Jesus doesn't mince his words in v37. What is he driving at?

Is there anything in your life that you sometimes put before Jesus? If so, what are you planning to do about that?

Taking up your cross is a familiar picture in the bible. What does Jesus mean by it and what does he not mean?

As you think about recent trends in 21st century Britain – in what ways might we need to take up our cross in the coming years?

3) COMMITMENT TO JESUS – DEMONSTRATED (v40-42)

What's going on with all the 'welcoming' in these verses?

What does the cup of cold water represent? Think about the original context for those first disciples...

Talk about your commitment to prayer and encouragement and the part they play in refreshing the saints...

Remember your prayer cards and get praying!

Meditate on the words of Jesus below...

Mt 25v40: 'The King will reply, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."