



Steps to Success
Camp Day
Matthew 16:13-27
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Successful ministry requires ...

God's truth. (13-19)

1. The case of Peter's great confession.
2. The case of ourselves.

God's purpose. (21-23)

1. Why is purpose important?
2. How do you know God's purpose?

God's discipleship. (24-28)

1. Deny yourself.
2. Take up your cross.
3. Follow Christ.

In My Life This Week

Monday. Yesterday we looked at success, specifically success in our service for God from Matthew 16:13-27. Read that section. Think about and write down your thoughts about success and your own success. Hold on to that to review during the week.

Tuesday. One essential step to success in God's sight is His truth. Real success is built on and by God's truth which He gives us in His Word and reveals to us through the work of the Holy Spirit. Has God's truth been the basis for how you have lived today? Has it guided your thoughts, words and actions?

Wednesday. Purpose is critical to success — it answers and directs why and what we do as well as how we do them. Remember the difference between your positions or roles and your purpose. Your purpose is to do all things for the glory of God. That should frame and be lived out in every area and action. How is it going today?

Thursday. God's discipleship is also critical to success. Read verses 24-28 slowly, several times. Write out in your own words what Jesus means when He says we are to deny ourselves and take up our cross. When Jesus said "Follow Me" He spoke of an ongoing pattern of living out denying our own control and submitting to His direction.

Review the thoughts you recorded Monday about success in general and your own. Is there anything you would change or update now?

Friday – Saturday. On Sunday we plan to begin a new series on Elijah. Read 1 Kings chapters 17 - 19 and 2 Kings chapters 1 - 2 as background on Elijah.