



Ice Breaker- Ask 3 or 4 people to share the highlight of their week.

September 13, 2009

Prayer focus: **One** – **with God and with others** – pray for our local body of believers that we would be one in unity with God and with each other as we learn to follow His plan for our lives.

Read Mark 8:31-37 In the context of this passage, what do you think it means to “take up our cross and follow Jesus?”

In what ways does your will “cross” with God’s will? In what ways does it not?

Many Christian’s believe that God wants us to have such a good life here on earth that they shouldn’t have any pain. How does pain and suffering change us?

The cross is a place where our sins are left behind us, yet many still struggle with the same sins. How do we overcome sin by “taking up our cross **daily?**”

(Ask one of these) What areas are you yet to “die” to? How have you failed to carry your cross? If the cross means death, what does that mean for you today? Jesus’ yoke is easy- how can the yoke of death be such an easy road to embrace?

Vision- “impact the region” As we live differently, we make a difference.

FYF needs: First Impressions “traffic” team- Randy Allen, Grounds Crew- Mike Mavity, Host Homes (especially in the north and south of Concord)