



## God's Way, My Way? Matthew 16:21-27

- 1) The will of God is revealed to man through Christ in Scripture (16:21)
- 2) The will of man is opposed to the will of God (16:22-23)
- 3) There is a cost to being a disciple of Jesus Christ (16:24-25)
  - a) Deny yourself all that you think you deserve
  - b) Take up your cross and live Jesus' life, being willing to walk in His footsteps
    - i) Love what Jesus loved; hate what He hated
    - ii) Shine His light to the dark world
    - iii) Embrace weakness, not power; mourning over sin
    - iv) Deny narcissism, embrace the gospel
  - c) Follow Jesus daily, enjoying His company, hearing His word
- 4) Imagine... (16:26)
  - a) You had everything but not Christ: winners are losers
  - b) You lost all but had Christ: losers are keepers
- 5) There is an eternal reward for the true disciples of Jesus Christ (16:27)