



1. Christ didn't come to make us _____.

³ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, ⁴ who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God. ⁵ For just as we share abundantly in the sufferings of Christ, **so also our comfort abounds through Christ.** II Corinthians 1:4-5

Then he said to them all: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must **deny** themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me." Luke 9:23

2. To follow Christ means becoming comfortable with being _____.

⁷ But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. ⁸ We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; ⁹ persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. ¹⁰ We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body. ¹¹ For we who are alive are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that his life may also be revealed in our mortal body. II Corinthians 4:7-11

- Satan wants you to live in your _____ zone.

¹⁵ I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! ¹⁶ So, because you are lukewarm—neither hot nor cold—I am about to spit you out of my mouth. ¹⁷ You say, "I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing." But you do not realize that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked. Revelation 3:15-17

- Christ wants you to take _____ and be _____.

Whoever finds their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life for my sake will find it. Matthew 10:39

¹¹ I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. ¹² I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. ¹³ I can do all this through him who gives me strength. Philippians 4:11-13

3. Ask God to open doors for you to _____ Christ.

² Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. ³ And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. ⁴ Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should. ⁵ Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. ⁶ Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone. Colossians 4:2-6

My Next Step Today:

- ☐ Memorize II Corinthians 4:7.
- ☐ Stop by the "It's Your Serve" table in the foyer and find out where you can make a difference.
- ☐ Tell God you are willing to walk through the doors that He opens for you this week.
- ☐ Check the connection card for more information on our next Baptism Celebration on Sunday, August 25.