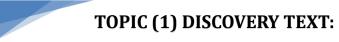
TEXT PROFILE BRIEF

- Decisive Commitment
- Clear Separation
- Kindred Identification

PRACTICAL PRECEPT TRUTH POINTS (PPTP):

- The Lord made it explicitly clear that there are only two definitive personal options (i.e., "come follow me" or "remain in darkness" **John 12:35**) that can be selected, which ensuing life implications will unalterably determines the course of our spiritual path both now and forever.
- Spirit-Life for every true Christ follower commences at the foot of the Cross of Christ; then, it remains at the core center around which our life appoint of servanthood orbits.
- The "cross-bearing" requirement was never presented as optional; but rather, as a mandatory signature requirement that publicly identified those mercifully granted the grace gift or regenerated "spiritlife." (Luke 14:27)



Then said one unto him, Lord, are there few that be saved? And he said unto them, Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able.

Luke 13:23-24 (KJV)



FOLLOWING THE TRUE SERVANT'S PATH

SESSION TEXT (TOPIC 1) Matthew 16:24-27 (KJV)

Matthew 16:24 Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.

²⁵ For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it. ²⁶ For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?

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²⁷ For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works.

QUOTABLE INSIGHTS FOLLOWING THE CRUCIFIED WAY

Instead of majoring on the benefits and blessings, the thrills and excitement, the adventure and advantage of being his disciples, He (the Lord Jesus) spoke more of the difficulties and dangers they would meet and the sacrifices that would be involved. He placed the cost of being his disciple very high. He never concealed "the cross." O. Sanders