

## Royal Redeemer Going Deeper Guide

Based on the sermon for August 30, 2020:  
*What is Your Cross?*



**For personal reflection or for use as a devotion with  
CGS Community or family**

● **Begin by reflecting on/sharing a high and/or a low from your week**

● **CONNECT** *with each other*

○ When have you tried to fix a problem and caused an even bigger problem?

● **GROW** *in Christ*

*21 From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life. 22 Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. “Never, Lord!” he said. “This shall never happen to you!” 23 Jesus turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.” 24 Then Jesus said to his disciples, “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. 25 For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. 26 What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? 27 For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father’s glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what they have done.*

**Matt 16:13-20**

○ Share any words or phrases that speak into your life today.

○ What do you think is going on between Peter and Jesus in their exchange?

○ How do you imagine the disciples understood Jesus’ reference to “cross” in this context?

○ What do you think Jesus meant by “cross”? What might be your cross?

○ Discuss this quote: *What must we do, then, to be saved? To find God we must repent of the things we have done wrong, but if that is all you do, you may remain just an elder brother. To truly become Christians we must also repent of the reasons we ever did anything right.* — Timothy J. Keller, *The Prodigal God*

● **SERVE** *others*

Describe a time you witnessed bias or discrimination

● **End with Prayer, the Lord's Prayer, or a short Blessing.**