

MEMORIAL DAY
A BAND OF BROTHERS AND SISTERS
May 24, 2020

"We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers. We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ."
1 Thessalonians 1:2-3 (NIV)

IN ORDER TO BE A BAND OF BROTHERS AND SISTERS:
JESUS CALLS US BEYOND...

"As the time approached for Him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem."
Luke 9:51 (NIV)

"Jesus strictly warned them not to tell this to anyone. And He said, 'The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and He must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.'"
Luke 9:21-22 (NIV)

- **JESUS WAS _____ ABOUT HIS _____**
AND THE _____ HE WOULD HAVE TO _____ TO ACHIEVE IT.

"As they were walking along the road, a man said to Him, 'I will follow You wherever you go.' Jesus replied, 'Foxes have dens and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay His head.'"
Luke 9:57-58 (NIV)

1. _____ FOLLOWERSHIP

"Then He said to them all: 'Whoever wants to be My disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow Me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for Me will save it. What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, and yet lose or forfeit their very self? Whoever is ashamed of Me and My words, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when He comes in His glory and in the glory of the Father and of the holy angels.'"
Luke 9:23-26 (NIV)

"He said to another man, 'Follow Me.' But he replied, 'Lord, first let me go and bury my father.' Jesus said to him, 'Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God.'"
Luke 9:59-60 (NIV)

2. _____ FOLLOWERSHIP

"But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."
Joshua 24:15 (NIV)

“Still another said, ‘I will follow You, Lord; but first let me go back and say goodbye to my family.’ Jesus replied, ‘No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God.’”
Luke 9:61-62 (NIV)

3. _____ FOLLOWERSHIP

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before Him He endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider Him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.”
Hebrews 12:1-4 (NIV)

“Do not be afraid of what you are about to suffer. I tell you, the devil will put some of you in prison to test you, and you will suffer persecution for ten days. Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you life as your victor’s crown.”
Revelation 2:10 (NIV)

NEXT STEPS

- 1. Discover what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ.**
 - Check the box on your CONNECT Card
- 2. Sign-up to be baptized - date to be determined.**
 - Check the box on your CONNECT Card
- 3. Sign-up for the GET Started LIFE Group which begins next Sunday, May 31st at Jeff & Cheryl Lyle’s house and goes from 6:00 – 7:30 PM. This three-week group will give you a basic introduction to Christianity. Limit – 8 participants.**
 - Check the GROW box on your CONNECT Card or call the Church Office at 937-393-5383.
- 4. I will help GNG be FULLY MOBILIZED to resume live services by volunteering to help clean and disinfect the Ministry Center.**
 - Check the box on your CONNECT Card marked SERVING OPPORTUNITIES or call the Church Office at 937-393-5383.
- 5. Pray that the coronavirus will be contained, for those who have contracted it. For wisdom for our leaders, safety for the first responders and health workers and for the GNG Family’s resumption of public services on Sunday, June 14th.**