

**INTERNATIONAL BIBLE CHURCH (IBC) LINZ**

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*...then you shall know the truth and the truth will set you free. Jn.8:32*

**SUNDAY SCHOOL OUTLINE**

**08:03:15**

**Theme: SELF-DENIAL IN DISCIPLESHIP PRESCRIBED**

**Memory Verse:** *Acts 20:24* “But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God”.

**Texts: Mathew 16:24-26, Acts 20:22-24**

“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. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it” Peter knew that a servant must be like the master. If the master is persecuted, the servant will also be persecuted. He even confessed that he was prepared to die with Christ when the moment was close.

Jesus therefore laid it bare before all the disciples and by extension to all Christians that self-denial was not optional in discipleship but an obligation to be carried out always in all conditions and everywhere. According to a Bible scholar, “Discipleship means adherence to the person of Jesus and therefore submission to the law of Christ which is the law of the cross”. Beloved without total self- denial, a believer cannot be a true disciple.

Every Christian must of necessity be a disciple. The Lord, according our text, wants every disciple to learn that the way to glory is through suffering and sometimes death as He exemplified in His own life. We must be grateful to God, because, after Jesus were some people who also denial themselves to be disciple. After the twelve disciples, was Paul, whose self-denial was said to be an extraordinary. Looking at his confession in the book of Romans chapter eight verses thirty-one to thirty-nine, show us the present believers that that, decision, commitment and faith in God are all what we need to be become true disciple of Jesus Christ.