

## **Be Successful In Your Ministry 2025**

### **Metropolitan Baptist Church**

#### **Weekly Bible Study**

**Psalm**

**119:97**

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**Study Subject: The Cost of Discipleship 2**

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### **Introduction**

The cost of being a disciple of Jesus is surrendering your entire life to him, which involves prioritizing your love for God above your family, your own life, and all your possessions. It also means carrying your own cross daily, which signifies a willingness to face suffering, hardship, persecution, and even death for your faith. Discipleship is a conscious, costly decision to follow Jesus, not just a superficial commitment.

Are you a disciple of Christ or a disciple of religion? How can I tell the difference? \_\_\_\_\_

### **The Lesson**

#### **I. Matthew 16:24-26**

a. **Verse 24: “come after me”.** Follow the principal work of the kingdom. What is the principal work of the kingdom? \_\_\_\_\_

b. **“Deny Himself”.** What does it mean to **deny yourself**? \_\_\_\_\_

c. **“Take Up His Cross”**. What does it mean to take up your cross?

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d. **“Follow Me”**. What did Jesus mean when He said this? \_\_\_\_\_

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II. Verse 24 proves to us that there is a cost to discipleship. The question we must wrestle with is, are we willing to pay the cost? Church membership alone is not enough. Therefore, I must be willing to do what? \_\_\_\_\_

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