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The Road Less Traveled

The Difference Maker

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John 12:20-27

Without dying...

There's No _____

Hebrews 4:12-13

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Isaiah 53:11 2 Peter 1:5-8

We can miss our _____

2 Corinthians 4:10-12

Read John 12:23-27 What was Jesus teaching us in this passage?

Which portion stands out the most to you and why?

We all have great purpose and usefulness. How is this multiplied when we are serving Christ and allowing Him to work through us?

What area in your life has been the most difficult to turn over to God and why do you think that is the case?

A fine example of a changed life was the *Saul to Paul* transformation. Saul had it all, but God got a hold of him and he became Paul. Read Philippians 3:4-8

In what ways does this passage clash with many segments of our society?

What are the accomplishments in your life that you would be willing to consider rubbish?

Why is it so difficult for us to want to hang on to the awards, accolades, and accomplishments?

Examine your own heart to see if there are areas where work may be beneficial.

What area in your life needs to die in order for you to become more like Christ? What would be the first step in this happening?

In Christianity, what does the word multiplication bring to mind? Jesus had to lay down his life and die to cover the sins of mankind. This sacrifice made it possible for mankind to be saved thus multiplying the kingdom of God.

Were Christ to give a definition of *dead to self alive in Christ*, what do you think He would say?

In your workplace, neighborhood or places you go, how would being dead to self play out?

Some would think that being dead to self means a very dry and non-enjoyable life. Jesus taught that He has come that we may have life to the fullest. In your own words, how does this all fit together and what does it mean?

John 16:7 English Standard Version (ESV) we read:

7 Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you.

We benefit because Jesus died.

What areas of your life might benefit yourself and others as you willingly die to self?

Read James 4:14 When we think about dying to self and being alive in Christ, what perspective does this add to the process?

In the upcoming week, take note of the many different areas of your life. Check each area and begin to work on the ones that need to be submitted to Christ.

Look for opportunities to cause growth in your personal walk with Christ...live life to the fullest.