

THE DOT AND THE LINE

MATTHEW 16:21 – 17:13

TRANSFORMED BY THE TRUTH

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION AND DISCUSSION

Following Jesus is not how to get _____
_____, but it is how to get _____.

Promises of ultimate gratification:

- *Psalm 16:11*
- *Daniel 12:3*
- *Matthew 13:43*
- *Matthew 24:30-31*
- *Matthew 26:29*
- *Luke 12:37*
- *Luke 13:29*
- *Luke 14:14*
- *Luke 18:7-8*
- *Luke 19:17*
- *Romans 8:23*
- *1 Corinthians 2:9*
- *1 Corinthians 13:12*
- *1 Corinthians 15:49*
- *2 Corinthians 4:17*
- *Philippians 2:10-11*
- *1 Thessalonians 4:17*
- *2 Timothy 4:8*
- *1 John 3:2*
- *Revelation 2:26*
- *Revelation 3:21*
- *Revelation 5:13*
- *Revelation 7:16*
- *Revelation 14:13*
- *Revelation 21:3-4*
- *Revelation 22:5*

1. What are some different reasons people become Christians? What motivated you to become a Christian?
2. Read Matthew 16:21-27. How does this description of discipleship differ from what you thought life would be like when you became a Christian?
3. Read Matthew 17:1-8. Does this glimpse of the coming kingdom of God affect your perspective on suffering? If so, how?
4. Read Colossians 3:1-4. Draw a pie chart showing how much you think about pre-death life vs. how much you think about post-death life. Do you think the distribution of your thoughts is healthy or unhealthy? Why?
5. Of the promises of "ultimate gratification" listed on the outline, which are your three favorites? Why?