

The Big Idea: The invitation of Jesus is not a lane-shift for our lives, but a total _____ in the _____ of our lives.

Matthew 4:17 From that time on Jesus began to preach, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near." (NIV)

Metanoia (greek): Think again; "To _____ and _____ our attitude and conduct as a result"

Discerning the Current Course

"_____ is a way of life that makes the individual supreme or sovereign over everything."

We didn't choose individualism as a lifestyle... we were _____ into it.

Individualism: A way of life in which my _____ interests reign supreme over all other concerns. The primary force in my life is the pursuit of _____-preservation, _____-interest, self-advancement.

The Slogan: "_____."

The Upside-Down Results of Unbridled Individualism

- 1. Justice:** In any given situation, the way I define justice depends upon who _____.
- 2. Truth:** Truth is determined by whether or not I _____.
- 3. Faithfulness:** So long as it _____ my _____, I will keep my promises and tell the truth.
- 4. Mercy:** I offer mercy when they deserve it and _____ get noticed for it.
- 5. Missio Dei (The Mission of God):** If I have time, money or interest, I will participate in what God is doing. If _____, I _____.

In Search of An Alternative

The Starting Point: _____

God is in _____ unity with Himself.

Genesis 1:26-27 Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness... So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. (NIV)

The Alternative Vision: _____ Within and Responsibility Without.

Philippians 2:1-6 Therefore if there is any encouragement in Christ, if there is any consolation of love, if there is any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and compassion, make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose. Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others. Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus... (NAS)

Matthew 16:24-25 NIV Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will find it.

"How Do I Get Started?"

_____ : To withdraw from or to breakaway from a social, political or religious alliance or union.

_____ : To willingly and enthusiastically accept and support a belief, perspective or change.

Right-Side Up:

- 1. Justice:** I choose to put justice _____ who benefits.
- 2. Truth:** I choose to approach Truth with humility and willingly subject my _____ to it... whether I agree or not.
- 3. Faithfulness:** I will tell the truth and keep my promises even when it _____. I will stick in there even when it costs me something.
- 4. Mercy:** I will offer mercy to the hurting whether I believe they _____ it or not.
- 5. Missio Dei:** I will embrace the Mission of God over my own personal _____ or _____.