JESUS ON THE CROSS #1 "True Devotion" Psalm 69 / February 15, 2015

What does true devotion to God look like?

Big Idea: True devotion to God is costly.

#1. True devotion can **be costly physically** (69:1-3, 14-15, & 21).

Jesus/cross: "I thirst." (John 19:28)

#2. True devotion can divide families (69:7-9)

Jesus/cross: "Why have you forsaken me?" (Matthew 27:46 & Mark 15:34)

 $\emph{#3}$. True devotion can $\emph{invite ridicule}$ (69:10-12 & 19)

"reproach" – 7, 9 twice, 10, 19, & 20.

Jesus/cross/critics: "Save yourself." (Mark 15:30)

#4. True devotion can be heartbreaking (69:4-5, 20 & 29).

Jesus/cross: "Father, forgive them..." (Luke 23:34).

#5. True devotion can *change me* (69:6, 13, 16-18, 25, 28, & 30-36).

Jesus/cross: "Into Your hands..." (Luke 23:46).

Today I learned...

As a result, I will...

For further study on today's Scripture passage, please refer online to the Sermon Based Small Group Study: http://www.eastviewchurch.net/ministries/small-groups/leadership-resources/sermon-based-small-group-studies/.

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Prayer for Eastview Christian Church

- Pray that we will be a church marked with true devotion to Christ.
- Pray that God would be glorified this week through the daily decisions we make to be fearless followers of Christ.
- Pray that we will ridiculously love those around us who are not marked with true devotion to Christ.
- Pray that we will practice a true devotion to Christ that is expressed through our life and our words this week. Ask God for opportunities to share His love.
- Pray for Mike each day, our lead Pastor, as he travels, preaches, attends a mega-church pastors' conference, and prepares for the North American Christian Convention in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Baptism Testimonies

Rachel Grampp (9:45)

I began following Jesus 4 years ago. Now I am choosing to be baptized to publicly display my desire to follow Christ. I am very thankful that God led me to Eastview and provided me this opportunity. I look forward to growing spiritually here at Eastview and I pray that God will use this testimony for His glory.

Mary Watterson (9:45)

I have *always* had a loving church family. I made my commitment to Christ as a young teen and the decision was not taken lightly. I have felt the Holy Spirit guide my life. Today, I feel led to study the Bible in great earnest through ECC sermons, small groups, and Bible Study Fellowship (BSF). I have learned that baptism by immersion is an *important* biblical way to outwardly show what I believe inside. As I put God's Word into action, I thank ECC for providing knowledge, caring support, and opportunity for me to publicly recommit my life to Christ with the assistance of my loving daughter.