SERMON APPLICATION SHEET FOR:

Matthew 16:21-28

Rev. Tony Felich | The Way of the Cross | November 1, 2026

Sermon Text

Matthew 16:21 From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. [22] And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you.” [23] But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.” [24] Then Jesus told his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. [25] For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. [26] For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul? [27] For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done. [28] Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

Sermon Notes

Christ accomplished our salvation through the cross, and those who follow Him must embrace the way of the cross, confident of the glory to come.

I. The Necessity of Christ's Cross (21–23)

II. The Necessity of Our Cross (24–26)

III. The Glory Beyond the Cross (27–28)

Memory verses for 2026-

Ephesians 4:1–3

[1] I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you
To walk in a manner worthy of the calling to
which you have been called,
[2] with all humility and gentleness, with
patience, bearing with one another in love,
[3] eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the
bond of peace.

SERMON APPLICATION SHEET FOR:

Matthew 16:21-28

Rev. Tony Felich | The Way of the Cross | November 1, 2026

Sermon Application Questions	Prayer Requests
1. Why was it necessary for Jesus to suffer, die, and rise again (v. 21)? What does His willingness to embrace the cross teach us about God's love, justice, and plan of salvation?	This week our family will lift up requests for:
2. Jesus rebuked Peter for setting his mind on the things of man rather than the things of God (v. 23). In what ways are we tempted to think like Peter, preferring comfort, success, or security over God's purposes?	
	This week our family will praise the Lord for:
3. Jesus calls His followers to deny themselves, take up their crosses, and follow Him (v. 24). What does this look like practically in your life right now? Where might following Christ require sacrifice, discomfort, or surrendering your own desires?	
4. Jesus asks, "For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul?" (v. 26). What are some things people pursue today that promise fulfillment but ultimately cannot satisfy? How can we guard against allowing even good things to become more important than Christ?	
	HFG Notes & Actions:
5. Jesus promises that He will return in glory and reward His people (vv. 27–28). How should the certainty of Christ's return and the glory awaiting believers change the way we approach present suffering, disappointment, and sacrifice? How can an eternal perspective help us joyfully walk the way of the cross?	Next HFG meeting is: