

Week 42 : Imitate Christ, Christian Mens Breakfast

Week 42 Discussion Notes:[1. References to days are from the *Imitate Christ Study Guide*]

1. In Chapter 56, Kempis discusses Jesus' promise, "*I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life.*" (John 14:6) Many people who don't follow Jesus Christ will tell you THEY know the way, the truth – and even have a life – without Christ. What's our response to be? (Days 288 & 289)
2. Kempis wrote in Chapter 56, from Christ's point of view, "*If you wish to reign with Me, carry the Cross with Me. For only the servants of the Cross find the life of blessedness and of true light.*" Does Kempis mean there is value in suffering? If so, do you agree? (Day 290)
3. Are you a fair weather Christian? That is, do you remain firm in your walk with Christ during good times; but fall into doubt and despair when the trouble is unexpected or lasts for a long time? (Day 291)
4. In the God ordained institution of marriage, a man and a woman grow closer in their relationship by both the good things and the bad things in this life. How is our relationship with God the same? (Day 293)

The Christian Mens Breakfast group meets this Saturday and (almost) every other Saturday at a local restaurant in Davie, FL. Call Tom Truex, or use the CONTACT tab at K-Line.ORG to get more information.

Our discussion will focus on the Chapters listed below, from *The Imitation of Christ*, by Thomas à Kempis.[1. The dates listed are the dates the chapters were posted online, which also corresponds to the suggested reading plan in the study guide.]

All items listed below are online at ImitateChrist.ORG:

1. Book 3 , Chapter 56 : We Ought to Deny Ourselves and Imitate Christ Through Bearing the Cross (October 16, 2012)
2. Book 3 , Chapter 57 : A Man Should Not Be Too Downcast When He Falls Into Defects (October 19, 2012)

Also Posted this Week at ImitateChrist.ORG:

1. Challoner's Reflections[2. Right Rev. R. Challoner, D.D., V.A., Imitation of Christ, Dublin: McGlashan and Gill, 1873] on *The Imitation of Christ* for each of the above chapters.

Footnotes: