Week 16 : Imitate Christ, Christian Mens Breakfast

Week 16 Discussion Notes:[1. References to days are from the *Imitate Christ* Study Guide]

1. It is unpopular to willingly bear any burden—especially not a burden as heavy, and
   inconvenient as a cross. As Kempis writes in chapter 11, "All desire to be happy with
   Him; few wish to suffer anything for Him." (Day 107)
2. In chapter 12, Kempis reminds us there is no more noble path than in following
   Christ, even if that path leads to death of one's mortal body. (Day 109)
3. Kempis wrote in Chapter 12 that no person is fit to enjoy heaven unless one is resigned to suffer hardship for Christ. "Nothing is more acceptable to God, nothing more helpful for you on this earth than to suffer willingly for Christ." Why is Kempis putting so much emphasis on suffering? (Day 110)
4. Who was "a man of Cyrene, Simon by name?" (Day 111)

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 2 , Chapter 11 : Few Love the Cross of Jesus (April

17, 2012)
2. Book 2 , Chapter 12 : The Royal Road of the Holy Cross (April 20, 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: