Matthew 16.24-28

Intro: Two voices…

1. The nature of discipleship:

Following Jesus – deny myself

– take up my cross

– follow Him

2. The motivation for discipleship: Knowing the future

i) v25 – temporary self-preservation = eternal self-destruction

ii) v26a – you can win big and lose even bigger

iii) v26b – once it's gone, it's gone

iv) v27 – comfort and warning

Conclusion: The crown of life