



THE GOSPEL OF MARK

WEEK 7 DISCUSSION QUESTIONS • “DECISION TIME”

GETTING TO KNOW ME

Did you take the tithing challenge? If so, how is it going so far?

INTO THE BIBLE

1. Read Mark 8:27-30.
 - What was the theme of the sermon? What were the main points?
 - Why did Jesus ask His disciples this question? What was His point?
 - Why did He ask this question in this exact location?
 - Who is Jesus? How would you answer this for an unbeliever? (Other verses?)
2. Read Mark 8:31-9:1.
 - Why would a suffering Messiah be so shocking to a Jew?
 - What does it mean—in practical terms—to “take up your cross”?
 - Why is an understanding of Jesus’ identity so important for suffering well?
 - In verse 36, what does it mean to “gain the world and lose your soul”? How do we do this?
3. Read Mark 8:38.
 - Read Matthew 26:47-51. Why did Judas’ actions exclude him from Heaven?
 - Read Matthew 26:69-75. Why did Peter’s action *not* exclude him from Heaven?
4. Read Mark 9:2-32.
 - What is the significance of Moses and Elijah appearing in this passage?
 - How do these stories confirm Jesus as Messiah? Why is this so important?
 - How does our view of Jesus authority impact our decision-making?

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5. Read Mark 9:33-50.

- Read Genesis 3:6-13. Discuss the origins of self-centeredness. Why are we so self-centered and selfish?
- How is pride related to selfishness?
- Read Daniel 4:28-33. Why does God hate pride so much?

APPLICATION

What is a decision that you *need* to make and follow through on but have been putting off?