



This 12 week series will journey through the gospel of Mark. Each week we will focus on what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. Use these guides in your small group or with your spouse or grab a friend and work through the questions together. There will be a Mark Study Group for anyone interested on Sunday nights Oct 14th-December 9th from 6:30 pm-7:45 pm in the church basement. We will have the coffee on so come and journey with us as we learn more about the *Adventure of Discipleship!*

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Have you ever intentionally given something up? What was it and why?

READ MARK 8:27-30

Why is the question, “Who do you say I am?” (v.29) so important?

Who do people *today* say Jesus is? What about you? How has your answer changed over time?

READ MARK 8:31-33

Mark 8:31 is where the book shifts in a new direction. Summarize Mark’s portrait of Jesus up to this point. How is Jesus’ statement in Mark 8:31 different from the way he was previously presented?

What do Satan and the “things of men” have in common that would make Jesus link them together in the same breath? (see Luke 4:1-12 for help)

READ MARK 8:34-38

What is the significance of Mark noting that Jesus called the crowd to him along with his disciples before he spoke about the cost of discipleship here?

What does it look like to “deny yourself?” (read Matthew 13:44-46 for help)

What does it mean to “take up your cross?” (refer to John 15:18-21)

What does it mean to “follow me?” (see also 1 John 2:3-6)

How does Jesus’ statement about losing our lives to find them continue to build upon his picture of discipleship?

In what ways are you living for yourself rather than for Christ? What do you plan to do about this situation?