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MARK 8:27-37; 9:2-10

WHAT IT COSTS

CENTRAL truth

Following Jesus is a costly privilege.

Have you ever paid a lot for something that didn't end up being worth the money?

How do you decide whether something you want is worth the cost?

▶ READ MARK 8:27-33.

Read Mark 8:27-33, then answer the following questions. Share answers with your group.

.01 When have you been confused about what God was trying to accomplish or how He chose to accomplish it?

.02 In what ways can you relate to Peter at this moment? What do you think you would have done in his place?

.03 Why is it so important for us to go to God for direction instead of relying on our own assumptions and perspectives?

▶ READ MARK 8:34-37.

Read verses 34-37, then answer the following questions and review with your group.

.04 When do casual followers of Jesus typically stop following Him? When do true Jesus followers stop being Jesus followers?

.05 When Jesus talks about losing our lives to follow Him, what does He mean?

▶ READ MARK 9:2-10.

Read Mark 9:2-10, then answer the following questions. Discuss as a group.

.06 Why do you think Jesus only revealed His heavenly appearance to these three disciples instead of to the full crowd?

.07 What kinds of things keep us from hearing what God is saying to us? What can we do to eliminate those distractions?

.08 How do you think seeing Jesus's transfiguration might have encouraged Peter, James, and John after they became leaders of the church?

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NOW what?

We need to apply the truth of God's Word to our lives. Think through these questions and how you can live out what you've studied in Mark 8:27-37 and 9:2-10 this week.

.09 How can you be sure you are a follower of Jesus and not just a fan? What does following Jesus look like?

.10 What lessons can you learn from Peter's mistakes? How can you apply them in your own context?

.11 What are some things we can do to practice dying to ourselves and following Jesus more closely?

.12 How can Jesus's words encourage you to keep following Him even when it gets difficult?



DAILY devotions

MEMORIZE MARK 8:34

For the complete Daily Devotions, we encourage you to make use of the *Daily Discipleship Guide*. Here are the passages covered in this week's devotions in the *Daily Discipleship Guide*.

DAY 1 | Mark 8:27-31

DAY 3 | Mark 8:34-38

DAY 5 | Luke 9:28-36

DAY 2 | Mark 8:32-33

DAY 4 | Mark 9:1-10