



Gospel Community Study Questions

Gospel of Mark | In Christ and for Christ

Key Passages: *Mark 8:31-9:1; Daniel 7:13-14*

Big Idea: *Christ's death was necessary for our life*

Read and Recap

Read Mark 8:31-9:1 and briefly recap the narrative of Chapter 8.

Discuss

Read the passage from Daniel and take some time to discuss the significance of Jesus referring to himself as "the Son of Man". Consider what expectations his Jewish audience would have had of him and the work he had come to do.

In light of the misaligned expectations discussed above, what misaligned expectations do people in our culture have of Jesus? Perhaps you even have some of your own which you can share as well.

Why do you think Jesus corrects Peter with such force in v33? Consider what it was about Peter's correction of Jesus that was "demonic" and also how we might we make the same mistake as Peter.

Spend some time discussing v34-37 considering the following:

- What does it look like for us to "deny ourselves" for Jesus?
- What does it look like for us to "take up our cross" for Jesus?
- What do you think are some costs we should expect to face in following Jesus?

In Chapter 9:1 Jesus is looking forward to the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. How does the Spirit's ministry amongst us help us live out the call of these verses?

Close & Pray

Take some time to pray that we would genuinely be ready and empowered to deny our ourselves, pick up crosses and follow Jesus.

Coming Up

Next week we'll be taking a week to build a big vision of Jesus before we step into our advent series.