

WHO DO YOU THINK JESUS IS?

Mark 8:31-38

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The questions below are designed to be used by Saylorville Church Community Groups as they meet during the week following the Sunday morning message at Saylorville. The intent is not for groups to answer every question, but for leaders to use the questions as a guide as they tailor the discussion to the unique needs of their group. The Sunday message and these questions can be found each week at www.saylorvillechurch.com/sermons.

CONNECT WITH YOUR GROUP (10-15 MINUTES)

- Watch this short video of people on the streets in New York City when they are asked, “Who do you think Jesus is?” <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fCf6Qy3j3Y4>
- Are there any responses in the video that you agree with?
- If someone asked you right now, “Who do you think Jesus is?” how would you respond?

APPLY THE BIBLE (45-60 MINUTES)

- **Remember** what you talked about last time. Is there anything you need to **follow up** on this week?
- **Review** your Sermon Notes together. What is **one thing** that sticks out to you about what you learned?
- **Read** this week’s passage together. In his message, **John Nemmers kicked off our Easter series by reminding us who Jesus is, and what it means to follow Him.**

Realities of Following Jesus:

1. Following Jesus is fatal (Mark 8:34-38)

- *If you want to follow Jesus, you must die to live.* Look again at vs. 35. What do Christians “die to” in order to live the Jesus way? Have you personally died to anything recently?
- *If you want to follow Jesus, you must die to human honor and approval.* John said, “Following Jesus doesn’t make people like you - rather, it allows you to love those who hate you.” How do you respond to this quote from Sunday morning? How might this change the way you live this week?
- *If you want to follow Jesus, you must die to comfort.* God is more concerned that you are Christlike than you are comfortable. What are some of the comforts of life that you might struggle to let go of if God asked you to? What does that say about the things that are important to you?

2. Following Jesus is not a burden, it’s a blessing

- *It’s a blessing because Jesus is standing by to pick you up every time you fall.* How does it make you feel to know that Jesus isn’t asking you to follow Him flawlessly, but faithfully? Other than the Apostle Peter, can you think of some other Bible characters that followed God, albeit imperfectly?
- *It’s a blessing because it fills you with purpose on earth and rewards in heaven.* If you could state your purpose in life in just one or two sentences, what would you say? How might passages like Philippians 1:21 and Matthew 28:19-20 help inform your life purpose?
- *It’s a blessing because it ends in eternal life.* Be honest - are you looking forward to heaven? What do you think of when you think about eternity?

For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? Mark 8:36

PRAY TOGETHER (5-15 MINUTES)

- Pray that you and your group will understand what it takes to follow Jesus in this life - and to go all in!

