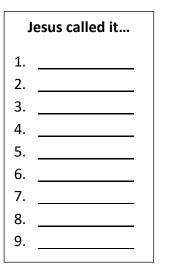


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Gospel of Mark: Calling His Shot

Questions based on Sermon from March 3, 2024

Getting to Know Me

- 1. What are you best known for among your friends?
- 2. What would you tell your friends if you knew you only had a few days left to live?

Digging Deeper

- 3. What new insight or information did you learn from hearing Pastor Phil's sermon this Sunday?
- 4. Read Mark 8:27-30. Who do Peter (and the disciples) believe Jesus to be? Why do you think it is significant for us to understand this before Jesus goes on to predict his suffering?
- 5. Read Mark 8:31, 9:31-32 and 10:33-34. Most Jews expected the Messiah to come and reign as king on earth. How did Jesus revise their expectations? What new information did Jesus reveal in each subsequent scripture as he repeated what would happen? What is your reaction as you read Jesus predictions?
- 6. Read Mark 8:32-33 and Matthew 4:8-10. When Peter suggests that Jesus can circumvent the suffering, Jesus shuts him down. How is Jesus' response to Peter parallel to his response to Satan? Why was Jesus so harsh to Peter? What was Peter trying to accomplish?
- 7. Explore Mark 9:35 and Mark 10:31. What contrast do you see in the disciples' expectations and attitudes vs. Jesus' plans and predictions? How does this impact your life and heart?

8. Notice how Jesus responds to his disciples in Mark 8:34-35, immediately following his prediction of suffering.

What are we called to do here?

What are you willing to pick up to follow Jesus and what do you need to lay down?

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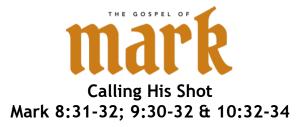
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Going Deeper

- Read Isaiah 52:13-53:14. Consider that God predicted Jesus' death and resurrection with such vibrant language more than 700 years earlier. How do you see this prophecy come true in what you know of Jesus' suffering, death, and resurrection? (See Matthew 26-28 or Luke 23-24 for more.)
- 11. Reflect and ask Jesus to show you what you may need to take up and/or lay down to truly make him the Lord of your life. Pray for God to continue to help you be a servant who leads others into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ.

Prayer

Heavenly father, we thank you for your divine plan that provides a way for us to be reconciled with you in eternity. Continue to increase our belief as we trust in you. Amen



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- 6. <u>Flogged</u>
- 7. <u>Suffer</u> 8. Killed
- 9. Raised

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