

Surrender: Because of All He Has Done for you

(Romans 1-11; Mark 8:34-37)

Opening Discussion: Has anyone ever done anything that caused you to act differently around them? Were you grateful or bitter? What has God done for you that might cause you to respond positively to Him now and in the future?

Transformational Principle: Because of all Jesus has _____, _____ what you think you _____.

1. **Main Point #1 – Following Jesus is about _____.**
(Mark 8: ___)

For further discussion: How were Jesus' words in this passage probably different from what the disciples initially expected that following Jesus would be like? Do you think they ever thought that it was more than they bargained for? (Mark 10:28-31: Changing the way that we think about the things of the world is a major theme in Mark's writings. What are some contrasts you can think of between the ways of God and the ways of the world? How has God changed your perspective on the way His plan works?)

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2. **Main Point #2 - Following Jesus is truly _____ to the world's _____.**
(Mark 8: ___)

For further discussion: Why do you think Jesus challenged His disciples to stop worrying about their lives? What is the problem with worry? Knowing that most of them would die for Jesus, how do you see them live out what Jesus said? (Philippians 1:21-26: How does Paul's perspective on life and death show that he understand Jesus' words to the disciples in Mark 8? How do you feel about having such a loose hold on your life?)

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3. **Main Point #3 - Following Jesus means letting go of the _____ to take hold of _____.**
(Mark 8: ___ - ___)

For further discussion: How was Jesus challenging the disciples in finding their meaning and value in Him and not the world? What is an example of a way a person can gain the world and lose their soul? (Philippians 3:7-11: What does Paul teach us about how we should view the things and ideas of the world? According to Jesus and Paul, what is the alternative? Is there anything in your life you need to let go of to more fully grasp on to Jesus? Where will you start?)

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Response: Have you _____ the world to gain _____?
