The Gospel of Mark: Are You a Follower of Jesus?   Mark 8:27-9:1

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Introduction:

To be a genuine follower of Jesus Christ you must...

1. _____ your _____ in Jesus Christ (vv.27-30).

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2. _____ in the _____ of Jesus Christ (vv.31-33).

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3. _____ your _____ to Jesus Christ (vv.34-9:1).

Main statement (v.34):

Explanatory Statements (vv.35-38): What does it look like to take up your cross and follow Jesus?

A person who denies self, takes up his cross, and follows Jesus will...

- _____ their _____ for Jesus and the Gospel (v.35).

A person who denies self, takes up his cross, and follows Jesus will...

- _____ the _____ behind for Jesus and the Gospel (v.36-37).

A person who denies self, takes up his cross, and follows Jesus will...

- _____ life _____ of Jesus and the Gospel (v.38).

Conclusion/Application:

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Community Group Questions:

1. What are the essential truths of the Gospel? If you were doing a presentation of the Gospel, what are the essential truths that must be given? (Rom. 10:9-13; 1 Cor. 15:1-4; Lk. 24:44-48; Mark 8:34-38).

2. What is often missing in presentations of the Gospel today?

3. What does it mean to deny self, take up your cross, and follow Jesus (Mark 8:34; Lk. 9:23; 14:27)?

4. What does it mean to lose your life for Jesus' sake and the gospel in our culture (Mk. 8:35)?

5. In Mk. 8:36 we are told about the possibility of gaining the whole world and forfeiting our soul. What does it look like for us to gain the whole world in our culture today?

6. How can someone know if they are ashamed of Jesus and his words (Mk. 8:38)? Why would someone be ashamed of Jesus and his words in an adulterous and sinful generation?

7. What is the coming Jesus spoke of in Mk. 8:38? Is it the 2nd coming or is it a coming that took place in the generation of the disciples? Is this coming connected with Mark 9:1 and his transfiguration in Mark 9:2-13?