

# Life Groups



*doing life together*

Week #28 of The Gospel of Mark

March 17, 2024

## Coming Together

- What do you think and feel when you have to confront someone?
- What are some ways you have heard Jesus described by others? What would you say if you had to describe Jesus in three sentences or less?

## Growing in Our Understanding

1. Read Mark 8:27-30. Where do these events take place? What did Jesus ask His disciples?
2. What did the people theorize about Jesus? Who did they compare Jesus to? Why do you think Mark told us about these three comparisons?
3. Who answered Jesus' question in Mark 8:29? What is the significance of his answer?
4. Read Mark 8:31-33. The "Son of Man" is another reference to Jesus. What did Jesus say he must go through in these verses?

## Unwrapping and Applying God's Principles

1. Why, in Mark 8:27-29, do you think Jesus focuses on inquiring about what people think about His identity? What activities have characterized Jesus' ministry up until the end of Mark 8? Why change the focus now?
2. What can we learn from Peter's example in Mark 8:31-33? Why do you think Peter is so passionate about what he says to Jesus?
3. What does it mean to *set your mind on the things of God* versus *the things of this earth* (Mark 8:33)? How does Colossians 3:1-4 speak into the comparison?
4. Have you ever felt "rebuked" by God (Mark 8:33)? How did you respond?

## Deepening Our Hearts for God

- How do our beliefs in who Jesus is impact how we live our everyday lives?
- Read Isaiah 55:6-9? What do we learn about God from these verses? How do these truths impact how we interpret and process the events of our lives here on earth?

## Looking Ahead

Read Mark 8:31-38. Circle, underline, or highlight anything that stands out to you. What does Peter get right in these verses? What does he get wrong?

