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The Gospel of Mark “Following Jesus” Mark 8:27-9:13 Pastor Kirk Gambrell.

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Using This Study

❶ EXAMINE His Word

What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

❷ EXPLORE His Word

What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

❸ EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.



In the first part of this week’s passage, we see Jesus telling the disciples that there will be suffering. Jesus speaks openly with His disciples saying that He will have to be rejected and killed. Peter has a hard time understanding Jesus and even challenges what He is saying. But Jesus clearly instructs Peter to stop thinking about himself and what he wants, and start thinking about how to serve the Kingdom of God. Following this, Jesus gives them a glimpse of His glory on the Mount of Transfiguration. Here the disciples are able to see that God will be able to make it all worth it, no matter what trials they have to endure.



Read Mark 8:27-9:13 (NET)

²⁷ Then Jesus and his disciples went to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" ²⁸ They said, "John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and still others, one of the prophets." ²⁹ He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Christ." ³⁰ Then he warned them not to tell anyone about him.

³¹ Then Jesus began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, chief priests, and experts in the law, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³² He spoke openly about this. So Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³ But after turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan. You are not setting your mind on God's interests, but on man's."

³⁴ Then Jesus called the crowd, along with his disciples, and said to them, "If anyone wants to become my follower, he must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. ³⁵ For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and for the gospel will save it. ³⁶ For what benefit is it for a person to gain the whole world, yet forfeit his life? ³⁷ What can a person give in exchange for his life? ³⁸ For if anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will also be ashamed of him when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." ⁹ And he said to them, "I tell you the truth, there are some standing here who will not experience

death before they see the kingdom of God come with power."

² Six days later Jesus took with him Peter, James, and John and led them alone up a high mountain privately. And he was transfigured before them, ³ and his clothes became radiantly white, more so than any launderer in the world could bleach them. ⁴ Then Elijah appeared before them along with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. ⁵ So Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us make three shelters—one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁶ (For they were afraid, and he did not know what to say.) ⁷ Then a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came from the cloud, "This is my one dear Son. Listen to him!" ⁸ Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more except Jesus.

⁹ As they were coming down from the mountain, he gave them orders not to tell anyone what they had seen until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. ¹⁰ They kept this statement to themselves, discussing what this rising from the dead meant.

¹¹ Then they asked him, "Why do the experts in the law say that Elijah must come first?" ¹² He said to them, "Elijah does indeed come first, and restores all things. And why is it written that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be despised? ¹³ But I tell you that Elijah has certainly come, and they did to him whatever they wanted, just as it is written about him."

● EXAMINE His Word (Observation) (For personal preparation)

What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details and terms emphasized in the foregoing passage.

1. Who is involved in the text? Author, audience, main characters.

2. Where and when is this taking place? Geography and timeline.

3. What actions are carried out or commanded? Look for the verbs.

4. Is there anything repeated?

5. What is emphasized?

6. Is there anything in these passages that is related to other areas of scripture?

7. Are there things to be noted that are alike or unlike such as similes and metaphors?

🕒 **EXPLORE His Word (Interpretation)** (For Community Group discussion)
What does God MEAN?

8. Why did Peter try and rebuke Jesus?

9. What was Peter setting his mind on and what should he have been setting his mind on?

10. How can a person gain the whole world and forfeit his life?

11. Why do you think Jesus revealed the transfiguration to Peter, James, and John?

12. In this passage, what do the disciples have to look forward to?

③ EMBRACE His Word (Application) (For Community Group discussion)
Why does this MATTER to me?

13. What do we have to look forward to?

14. How do we deny self and follow Jesus? Give some examples.

15. When is it tempting to not proclaim Jesus? Does this fall in the category of being ashamed of Him?

Summarize your thoughts on the passage

Write about what God wants you to KNOW, to FEEL, and to DO...

SERMON NOTES