



**Riverstone**  
BAPTIST CHURCH

## Sermon Based Questions

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Series- Knowing & Following Pt 6

### **The Messiah who Suffers**

*29 "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" Peter answered, "You are the Messiah." 30 Jesus warned them not to tell anyone about him. Mark 8:29-30.*

#### **1. Jesus the blind eyes so he could be seen as King. Mark 8:22-30**

- Do you see anything?
- Then his eyes were opened, and he could see clearly.
- A Messianic secret.
- Two stage revelation.

#### **2. The way of Jesus is the way of the cross.... & resurrection**

Mark 8:31-38.

- The messiah must die and rise again.
- Whoever wants to be his disciples must take up his cross & follow.
- If anyone is ashamed of me.

**Icebreaker:** Can you recall a time when you saw something in one way- and came through a journey, to a completely different perspective? What was it and what led to your change of heart.

**A. Examining the texts.**

1. Read Mark 8:22-26. What did Jesus do here and how did he do it? Do you think it is significant that he took more than one go to heal the man?
2. Read Mark 8:27-30. Why do you think that Jesus asked the disciples who they thought he was at this point in the gospel?
3. Read Mark 8:31-37. What does this section reveal about the mission of Jesus and how would you explain the harshness of Jesus' in dealing with Peters rebuke?
4. Read Mark 8:38. What do you think this verse means?

**B. Meditation & application**

5. How would you answer the question- Who do you say that I am? From Jesus lips?
6. In what ways do we approach Jesus from a perspective of being shaped by the things of men rather than God? How is this related to following him in the way of the cross?
7. What practically do you think that it means for you- to take up the cross and follow Jesus?"
8. In what ways are we seeking to "gain the whole world? And what does Jesus call us to do instead?"

**A Challenge:** Use this story to explain what you think it means to be a Christian to someone who doesn't know the gospel. How would you do it? What questions do you think people might have? What objections?