

Text: Mark 8:27—38
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Follow Jesus

I) Identify Jesus to be the Savior (8:27—30)

II) Know Jesus to be the Suffering Savior (8:31—33)

III) Follow Jesus to be a Willing Disciple (8:34—38)

IV) Live as a free-forgiven man spreading the good news to prisoners (exhortation)

GBC Application Questions

Grace Bible Church desires that you respond to this sermon by believing the gospel, obeying the Savior, and discipling the world for the glory of God. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions and praying through the issues will help you further meditate upon God’s Word in order to see how this can be done.

1. Read Mark 8:27-30. Notice how the author uses preceding verses to connect to each verse following by “and” and “for”. What then does Jesus do in verses 27-30 with His disciples? Are the verses related? What answers is Jesus attempting to receive from the disciples? Why is it important to know the identity of Jesus?

2. Read 8:31-33. Is the Son of Man a military king? How does this change God’s rule over humanity? What means does God use to show His authority? Does this relate to how we interact with our neighbors?

3. Read 8:34. What are the three ways for anyone coming after Jesus? Can there be a different type of “coming after” (c.f. 33)? How does verse of “denying self” relate to verse 33? Is then the “denying” referring to pleasures, desires, habits or one’s overall will? Why or why not?

4. Read 8:35-37. Are these verses related to each other? If so, what word is relating them to each other? Are the end results of one’s choice present or future? What characteristics of God are implied in these verses?

5. Read 8:38. Does the term “adulterous” refer to a people committing earthly adulterous acts or used as a description of people treating God? Why? Also, why should we trust that the “Son of Man” is returning in the future? What has God provided for the ungodly generation (c.f. 31)?

6. How can you encourage someone else with what you’ve learned and thought through today? In what way could you hold someone accountable or have them hold you accountable?

<i>This week’s Bible Reading:</i>			
<i>Sunday, May 30:</i> 1 Kings 13:1—14:31 John 5:17—30	<i>Monday, May 31:</i> 1 Kings 15:1—16:34 John 5:31—47	<i>Tuesday, June 1:</i> 1 Kings 17:1—18:46 John 6:1—21	<i>Wednesday, June 2:</i> 1 Kings 19:1—20:43 John 6:22—59
<i>Thursday, June 3:</i> 1 Kings 21:1—22:53 John 6:60—7:13	<i>Friday, June 4:</i> 2 Kings 1:1—3:27 John 7:14—36	<i>Saturday, June 5:</i> 2 Kings 4:1—5:27 John 7:37—53	<i>Sunday, June 6:</i> 2 Kings 6:1—7:20 John 8:1—20