











MEMORY VERSE: "Then, calling the crowd to join his disciples, he said, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must turn from your selfish ways, take up your cross, and follow me." Mark 8:34



MARK 8:22-26 Jesus Heals a Blind Man

- 1. What did Jesus do to give the blind man his sight?
- 2. Jesus healed many people in many different ways. What strikes you about the way He healed this blind man? What do you recall about Jesus' methods in previous healings?
- 3. Can you think of any possible reasons to explain why Jesus took the man outside the village to heal him, and then told him not to go back into the village on his way home?



MARK 8:31-38 Take Up Your Cross

- 4. What did Jesus tell His disciples about His own future? v. 31
- 5. Read verses 32-33. What do you think Jesus meant by His words to Peter in verse 33?
- 6. Read verses 34-37. What do you think "turn from your selfish ways" and "take up your cross" mean?













7. Read verse 38. How do people act ashamed of Jesus and His words? How could this attitude be avoided or changed?



## MARK 9:2-10 The Transfiguration

- 8. What happened when Jesus took Peter, James and John up a high mountain to be alone? Who appeared and began speaking with Jesus?
- 9. Read verses 5-8. Who's voice was in the cloud and what did it say about Jesus? Why is this so important?
- 10. The disciples were confused when Jesus spoke about "rising from the dead." What did Jesus mean by this?

## BELIEVE THE TRUTH

We have seen Jesus' power through many miracles and healings. Now we begin to hear more about the power He has over LIFE and DEATH as he tells his disciples that He will one day die and be raised from the dead. Jesus' death and resurrection is all to save US from our sins! We are saved by Jesus' power if we turn from our selfish ways, take up our cross, and follow Him. God says, "This is my dearly loved Son. Listen to him." Mark 9:7b

## PRAY THE TRUTH

Dear Jesus, thank you for Your power over life and death. I want Your power and truth in my life. I learned many things about being Your follower that I want to apply to my life. I don't want to ever be ashamed of You and my relationship with You. Please give me the strength, courage and discipline to walk with You daily. Amen.

## WALK IN TRUTH



What is something new you learned about Jesus in this lesson? Is there anything that you will change based on these verses to make you a stronger follower of Christ?















# Mark 8:22-36; Mark 8:31-38; Mark 9:2-10 (NLT)

### Jesus Heals a Blind Man

22 When they arrived at Bethsaida, some people brought a blind man to Jesus, and they begged him to touch the man and heal him. 23 Jesus took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the village. Then, spitting on the man's eyes, he laid his hands on him and asked, "Can you see anything now?" 24 The man looked around. "Yes," he said, "I see people, but I can't see them very clearly. They look like trees walking around." 25 Then Jesus placed his hands on the man's eyes again, and his eyes were opened. His sight was completely restored, and he could see everything clearly. 26 Jesus sent him away, saying, "Don't go back into the village on your way home."

### Jesus Predicts His Death

31 Then Jesus began to tell them that the Son of Man must suffer many terrible things and be ejected by the elders, the leading priests, and the teachers of religious law. He would be killed, but three days later he would rise from the dead. 32 As he talked about this openly with his disciples, Peter took him aside and began to reprimand him for saying such things. 33 Jesus turned around and looked at his disciples, then reprimanded Peter. "Get away from me, Satan!" he said. "You are seeing things merely from a human point of view, not from God's." 34 Then, calling the crowd to join his disciples, he said, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must turn from your selfish ways, take up your cross, and follow me. 35 If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake and for the sake of the Good News, you will save it. 36 And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul? 37 Is anything worth more than your soul? 38 If anyone is ashamed of me and my message in these adulterous and sinful days, the Son of Man will be ashamed of that person when he returns in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

### The Transfiguration

2 Six days later Jesus took Peter, James, and John, and led them up a high mountain to be alone. As the men watched, Jesus' appearance was transformed, 3 and his clothes became dazzling white, far whiter than any earthly bleach could ever make them. 4 Then Elijah and Moses appeared and began talking with Jesus. 5 Peter exclaimed, "Rabbi, it's wonderful for us to be here! Let's make three shelters as memorials — one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." 6 He said this because he didn't really know what else to say, for they were all terrified. 7 Then a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my dearly loved Son. Listen to him." 8 Suddenly, when they looked around, Moses and Elijah were gone, and they saw only Jesus with them. 9 As they went back down the mountain, he told them not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead. 10 So they kept it to themselves, but they often asked each other what he meant by "rising from the dead."

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