

## Carrying Our Cross Like Jesus

Mark 8:31-38

### Taking it Home:

1. As you seek to follow Jesus by pushing back evil and expanding His kingdom, in what specific way might He be asking you to partner with Him?
2. Buy and read one of the following:  
*Radical* by David Platt  
*Not a Fan* by Kyle Idleman

### Prayer Concerns:

### The Normal Christian Life vs. The Radical Christian Life

Disciple – A follower who \_\_\_\_\_ (and travels with) a \_\_\_\_\_.

The \_\_\_\_\_ Christian life is the \_\_\_\_\_ Christian life and the \_\_\_\_\_ Christian life is to be \_\_\_\_\_.

### Peter's Problem and Our Problem [31-33]

We want \_\_\_\_\_ on our \_\_\_\_\_.

Lord (Kyrios) = \_\_\_\_\_

### Living the Normal Christian Life [34]

1. Deny \_\_\_\_\_ and my right to \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Take up \_\_\_\_\_ and be willing to \_\_\_\_\_ with Jesus.
3. Follow Jesus by \_\_\_\_\_ evil and expanding \_\_\_\_\_.

### Are you all in? [35-38]

*"Christ says. 'Give me all. I don't want so much of your time and so much of your money and so much of your work: I want you. I have not come to torment your natural self, but to kill it. No half measures are any good. I don't want to cut off a branch here and a branch there. I want to have the whole tree down. I don't want to drill the tooth, or crown it, or stop it, but to have it out.'" [C.S. Lewis, Mere Christianity]*

## **Personal Study/Growth Group Discussion Questions**

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### **Getting Started:**

1. Who is your favorite band?

### **Digging Deeper:**

#### **Read Mark 8:31-38**

1. Why was Peter so angry with Jesus? Why did Jesus respond with such a strong response? If you were in Peter's shoes, what would your response be to these words, "... the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected... and that he must be killed and after three days rise again."
2. How is Jesus' call to discipleship "radical"? How have we made the normal Christian life less radical than what the Bible calls for?
3. In your own words how would you paraphrase verse 34? In what ways are you living out this passage? What needs to change to live it out more fully?

4. How does the world entice you to live a self-centered life? How does giving up the right to self-determination counter those temptations?
5. What warning does Jesus give in verses 35-38? What does it mean to "gain the whole world"? To "lose one's life"? Why does it matter that we get this right?
6. Read Luke 14 25-35. How do you reconcile the word "hate" in this passage? What is the point of the "tower" and "war" analogies? How does this passage relate to Mark 8?