

The Fine Print

Mark 8:34-36

- 1. What was most meaningful, memorable, or challenging to you from the message this week?
- 2. Do you think you're a consumer Christian or a follower of Jesus? Why?
- 3. What do you worry most about losing when/if you follow Jesus?
- 4. Has following Jesus ever cost you anything? Explain.
- 5. Read Mark 8:36. Jesus' wisdom seems self-evident, so why is it so difficult to live out?
- 6. What parts of your life do you think would change the most if you began following Jesus?

MOVING FORWARD

If you're a consumer Christian, looking to Jesus for what He can do for you, that's okay. That's where most people's Christian faith begins. But Jesus calls you to follow Him. Doing so will cost you—in career, money, status, or relationships. The thing is, whatever it costs you is something you're going to lose anyway.

Death eventually separates you from everything you work so hard to get and protect. But following Jesus gives you an everlasting life of meaning, purpose, and contentment.

CHANGING YOUR MIND

Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me."

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