

Kingdom Rising

“Kingdom Come”

GETTING STARTED

ICE BREAKER: If you could choose microscopic or binocular vision, which would you choose?

KEY THOUGHT: ***Grab your cross and come along***

GETTING THE POINT

Read Mark 8:22-30

1. How does the two-stage healing of the blind man correspond to the scene with Peter that follows?
2. What is right in Peter’s response to Jesus in verse 29? What is missing?

Read Mark 8:31-9:1

3. What was radically surprising about Jesus’ teaching in verse 31?
4. How does Peter’s rebuke in verse 32 reveal his lack of understanding of the term “Christ”?
5. How would you summarize Jesus’ teaching in verses 34-38?

GETTING DEEPER

Read Daniel 7:13-14

1. Why would these verses cause us to think the “Son of Man” was powerful and triumphant?
2. What did Jesus add to the understanding of “Son of Man” in Mark 8:31?

GETTING PERSONAL

1. Why do examples of powerful and strong leaders appeal to us?
2. In what ways do our life journeys correspond to the life journey of Jesus through suffering?
3. What makes it so hard for our Self to let go of things in order to take up our cross?
4. What benefit does Jesus promise for those who lay down their life?
5. Do you think it is harder to say no to Self in our culture, or in a culture with more persecution? Why do you answer this way?

PRAY...

that we will not allow anything to dominate our grip so that we miss carrying our cross.