

Jesus the King- week 9

January 21, 2018

Mark 9:30-37

Warming Up

1. Ask your group to share some goals they have for 2018 for their journey of faith. How do they hope to grow closer to Jesus this year? What do they want to be different than in 2017?
2. Share a time when you had great service at a business (restaurant, car shop, hotel etc.). What made the service great? Share a time when you had lousy service at a business. What made it so lousy? How does the quality of service affect your opinion of a business? It's leaders?

Knowing the Gospel...

3. Skim through Mark 8, 9, 10. How many times in these chapters did Jesus mention his pending death and/or resurrection? (ch. 8:31, 9:9,10, 9:30, 10:32-33, 10:45...an additional one is found during the events of Mark 9 that we are given in Luke 9:31). Why do you think he mentions this so often at this point in his ministry? Why do you think he did NOT mention it very often earlier in his ministry? Why do you think the disciples did not understand what he was talking about (9:32)?
4. Read these passages about the death and resurrection of Jesus. Mark 10:45, Isaiah 53:6, Acts 2:22-24, 4:27-28, 3:13-15. From these passages, what do we learn about the death and resurrection of Jesus?
5. Jesus' first call to discipleship in this section is found in Mark 8:34-38. His second call and description of discipleship is found in Mark 9:33-36. How do these two descriptions relate to each other? How are they the same? How are they different? What underlying attitudes is Jesus calling for in both?

Living the Gospel...

6. Read Philippians 2:3-8. What is the key attitude(s) that Paul is encouraging the Philippians believers to? How is this modeled by Jesus? (see also John 13:1-20, Rom. 15:3). What realities in your life make it difficult to look to the interests of others or to count others as more significant than yourself?

7. In Mark 9:36-37 Jesus challenge his followers to care for those of lowly status. While he specifically use children as an example, what types of people might we think of in our society that Jesus would include? What are some ways you “receive” people of lowly status in your life? What seems to be the reward for those who do this? (v. 37 and Matt. 25:40).

8. Read Mark 10:45. Why do you think Jesus chose to use the designation “Son of Man” to refer to himself here? In what ways could you serve those around you better? What in your life would need to change to grow in the area of servanthood?

Telling the Gospel...

10. Who in your life is an unbeliever that you can serve to intentionally model the attitude of Jesus? How could you serve them?

11. Who are some people that you could reach with the gospel this year?

12. Spend some time praying for people in your lives who don't yet know Christ.

