



These questions are provided for your further study and application of the message. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point. It is also helpful to discuss your answers with others.

## **Discussion Questions**

Date: February 10, 2019

### **Mark 8:31-33**

1. Several months ago, we left our studies of Mark with Peter confessing Jesus as the Christ. In the next paragraph, Peter receives a rebuke from Jesus. Talk about a time in your life when a spiritual victory was followed closely by a failure or defeat?
2. Read Matthew 16:21-23. Jesus rebuked Peter for not having his mind set on the things of God but on the things of man. How have you struggled to keep your focus on the things of God instead of on the things of man?
3. Mark tells us that Jesus taught them that he must suffer and be killed. Based on Luke 24:25-27, how do you think Jesus may have taught his disciples about his death and resurrection?
4. Last Sunday morning, Pastor Craig urged us to recognize our cultural blinders. How did the cultural expectations of the first century affect the expectations that Peter and the other disciples had of Jesus? How do our cultural perspectives affect the way we perceive of Jesus?
5. Read Exodus 20:4-5. What does God command Israel about idolatry? How can we be guilty of idolatry in the way that we view and worship Jesus?
6. Pay attention to Mark's words in 8:32. Jesus was teaching the disciples plainly, not through a parable. Peter, therefore, understood Jesus's words, but he thought he knew better. How have you been tempted to think that you knew better than the Bible?
7. Family verse: Read and memorize Mark 8:33. Talk together about the dangers of setting our minds on the things of man rather than the things of God.