



QUESTIONS JESUS ASKED

Discussion Questions

Week of 3/3/24

Text: Mark 8:27-38

Icebreaker: What happens when our expectations are unrealistic or different than what we have experienced? If you're able, share about a (humorous) time when this happened to you.

1. Read Mark 8:27-38. What stands out to you from these verses or from the sermon you heard this week? Why?

2. Verses 27-33 are a big contrast for Peter! What kind of expectations does Peter seem to have in his mind for Jesus, "the Christ"? What are Jesus's own expectations?

Application: What expectations do you have for what following Jesus should be like?

3. Verse 34 says that Jesus gathered "the crowd to him with his disciples" and then spoke what follows. What do you think the crowd's reaction would have been?

Application: Deny yourself. Take up your cross and follow. Lose your life. What are examples of how we might do these as we follow Jesus today?

4. Verse 36 is this week's question. Given the context of this passage, what message is Jesus sending by asking this question?

Application: What does it look like for a person today in one of our communities to try to "gain the whole world"? In what way could this lead them to "forfeit their soul?"

5. Verse 38 underscores the contrasts of the passage. Based on what he has just said in the previous verses, why might someone be "ashamed" of Jesus?

Application: What challenges or encourages you in this passage? Take time to pray that each of you in your group would grow in "setting your mind on the things of God" (v. 33).