



The Midterm

Mark 8:22-30

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“And they came to Bethsaida...” 8:22-26 (Sequence & Review)

1. How did Jesus respond to the blind man?
2. What does Jesus' response to the blind man help you to understand about Jesus?
3. What was the process Jesus went through in healing the blind man?
4. What does the process that Jesus goes through in healing the blind man help you to understand about Jesus' relationship with His disciples?
5. How might Jesus' actions and attitude at Bethsaida be encouraging to you personally?

“And Jesus went on...” 8:27a (Location)

1. What was spiritual and political background of Caesarea Philippi?
2. In what ways is Caesarea Philippi like Merced?
3. What do you think was Jesus' reason for bringing His disciples to Caesarea Philippi for the midterm?

“He asked His disciples...” 8:27b-28 (Question #1 & Answer)

1. What does the disciple's answer help you to understand about where the people were at spiritually?

“And He asked them...” 8:29 (Question #2 & Answer)

1. Might there be any significance to the order in which Jesus asked the questions? If so, what do you think that significance might be?
2. As you consider Peter's answer, what did Peter mean by “You are the Christ.”
3. Consider also Matthew's record of Peter's answer (Matthew 16:16).
 - 1) What does it mean that Jesus is “*the Son of the living God*”?
 - 2) These days, how is Peter's answer significant to you personally?

Processing all that...

1. These days, in your spiritual conversations how have you asked Jesus' second question?
2. What has been the response?
3. How would you answer Jesus' question, “*Who do you say that I am?*”
4. These days, what does your answer look like in your life?
5. How might we as a congregation live more reflectively of Who Jesus is?