



# What It Means To Follow

## Mark 8:31-38

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### WHAT JESUS SAID AND WHAT PETER MISSED - verses 31-33

1. How many people are there who were able to predict the time, location, and manner of their death?
2. What does Jesus' ability to predict the circumstances of His own death tell you about Jesus?
3. How might Jesus' prediction (and its later fulfillment) help you to follow Jesus?
4. Why do you think Peter responded the way he responded to Jesus?
5. How might Peter have responded differently?

### WHAT IT MEANS TO FOLLOW JESUS - verse 34

1. What does Jesus mean by, *"let him deny himself"*?
2. These days, what does denying yourself look like in your life?
3. These days, what helps and/or hinders you as you seek to live this way?
4. What does Jesus mean by, *"and take up his cross"*?
5. These days, what does taking up your cross look like in your life?
6. These days, what helps and/or hinders you as you seek to live this way?

### WHAT WE FEAR - verses 35-38

1. Knowing all we know about Who Jesus is and what Jesus has and is doing for us, why do you think we struggle with living "all in" committed as Jesus describes in verse 34?
2. Consider each fear that Jesus addresses. For each, what is Jesus' warning and promise?
  - 1) The loss of life (verse 35)
  - 2) The loss of security (verses 36,37)
  - 3) The loss of reputation (verse 38)
3. Is there any fear you would add to Jesus' list? Yes? No? Why or why not?
4. Thinking about how these fears may affect you, how might Jesus' warnings and promises be of encouragement to you?

### PROCESSING ALL THAT...

1. What is the difference between being "into" Jesus and being "in" Jesus?
2. These days, are you more "into" Jesus or more "in" Jesus?
3. How might we help each other to be more "in" Jesus?