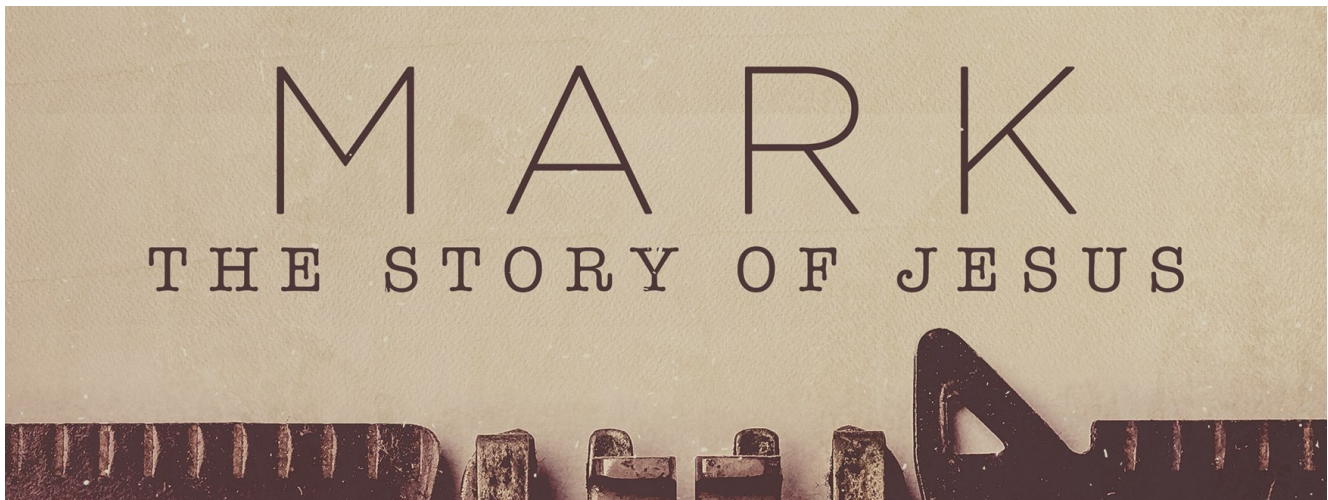


## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS



*These questions are designed to extend the impact of the Sunday message. Feel free to use them for your personal study time, your family, or your Family Group.*

### MESSAGE OVERVIEW

Jesus has always had high expectations of those who choose to follow him. He modeled the way we should live by becoming not a conquering king, but a suffering servant. In our culture, being part of a church is usually easy and often expedient. But being a disciple means giving up everything and following Jesus to the cross.

### READ MARK 8:34-38

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

What does it mean to "take up your cross?"

We often use the language "purpose over preference" to talk about viewing our own opinions through the lens of God's mission. What does this passage have to say about purpose? What does it have to say about preference?

What are you willing to sacrifice for the sake of the gospel? In other words, what would you give up if it meant someone who doesn't know Jesus might come to know him? What would be the most difficult for you to give up?

What is one way you can live more sacrificially this week? How will you do it? When will you start?

### APPLICATION

What is God saying to you through this passage of Scripture?

In light of what you've experienced, how are you going to be different in the future?