

The Gospel of Mark– Session 8

Week of 6-9-19



Introduction

Describe a time where you totally misunderstood something that someone asked you to do. Maybe an assignment in school, a particular job, or instructions for assembling Ikea furniture. What led to the misunderstanding? How did you feel when you discovered the truth?

Watch

Watch “The Gospel of Mark by Francis Chan” – Session #8 on Rightnowmedia.com (8 Minutes)

Start with Scripture

Read Mark 8:33-38

³¹ Then he began to teach them that it was necessary for the Son of Man to suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, chief priests, and scribes, be killed, and rise after three days. ³² He spoke openly about this. Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³ But turning around and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! You are not thinking about God’s concerns but human concerns.”

³⁴ Calling the crowd along with his disciples, he said to them, “If anyone wants to follow after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. ³⁵ For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life because of me and the gospel will save it. ³⁶ For what does it benefit someone to gain the whole world and

yet lose his life? ³⁷ What can anyone give in exchange for his life? ³⁸ For whoever is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will also be ashamed of him when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

Make it REAL

1. According to Francis, what was Peter’s misunderstanding?
2. How do you think Peter (and, presumably, the other disciples) arrived at that wrong conclusion?
3. After reading the passage and listening to Francis, what would you say is the real mission of Jesus the Christ?
4. If you had to describe Jesus’s mission to a stranger, where would you start? What would you say to make sure they got it the first time?

Prayer

Take prayer request from your group and spend time praying for each other.