



**Thursday, December 7
7PM in the Chapel**

Join us in worshipping God by remembering who He is and what He has done for us. We'll sing traditional Christmas songs together, and hear special music and testimony that points to the work of Christ in this special season. Let us know you are coming on our Facebook event and share it with your friends!



Wednesday, December 20

Each year the AWANA program holds a "Christmas Store" night for clubbers in grades 3-6. Students earn credits for successes achieved in the fall semester. They use these credits to purchase Christmas gifts for friends and family. Please consider donating new gift items in the "AWANA Donations" box located in the lobby. Need ideas on what to donate? Check out our Events page at parkviewchurch.org for our AWANA registry and have your gift shipped directly to the Central Campus at 15 Foster Road.



**Sunday, December 10
11AM in the Atrium**

Our daily battle with suffering, anxiety, shame, and apathy are hard to overcome. Our vision at Parkview is to help people experience the hope and healing power of the gospel. The Gospel Centered Formation Workshop is aimed at showing you how the gospel heals our brokenness and provides hope for the future. Join us for a time of teaching and discussion on practical ways to walk in the power of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Visit us online at parkviewchurch.org/events to sign up.

The Crown and The Cross: A Study of Mark's Gospel

BIG QUESTIONS

Mark 8:14-38

Pastor Doug Schillinger
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I. WHO IS JESUS?

And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they told him, "John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets." And he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Christ." And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him.

Mark 8:27-30

- **What people say about Jesus**
- **What do you say about Jesus?**
- **How did Peter get the right answer?**

II. WHY DID JESUS COME?

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."

Mark 8:31-33

- **Confusion:** The Son of Man, suffer?
 - The Son of Man: Daniel 7:13-14
 - The Suffering Servant: Psalm 22, 69; Isaiah 43, 44, 53
- **Why "must" Jesus suffer?**
- **Does our agenda for Jesus align with God's agenda for Jesus?**

III. ARE YOU ON BOARD?

And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? For what can a man give in return for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

Mark 8:34-38

- **Deny yourself, take up your cross, follow Jesus**
- **General suffering vs. suffering for Jesus' sake or the Gospel**
- **The great exchange**

Discussion Questions:

This is your last discussion with the Mark study guide. One of the themes throughout this study has been the heavy emphasis on application. It's so easy to get stuck in "information transfer" mode where we learn more about who Jesus is and what He is calling us to do, but there's never any real life change. Use this opportunity to have a pointed conversation towards the practical application of the first eight chapters of Mark. We've seen Jesus do miraculous things, reshape expectations about what it means to follow God and meet us in our fears.

"Family Business" Conversation

It would be a mistake to miss this great opportunity without challenging one another and your Community Group towards growth. Spend some time talking about how your lives and your group will look different based on your study.

Questions to Guide the Conversation:

1. What has God taught you? What is He convicting you about? What is He calling you to do? (We tend to assume things in church world. Like, we know God is calling us to trust Jesus with our lives. Encourage your group: this is worth saying out loud!)
2. How do you plan to obey His Word? What are simple, practical ways you can remember and practice these truths? (Ex. Schedule time to reflect and pray, ask a friend to remind you of a specific passage, begin engaging your neighbor)
3. What needs to look different about our Community Group? As a group, how might we live out the Gospel of Mark?
4. Consider implementing new aspects to your meeting, or maybe a new structure to the meeting.

Have someone take notes during this conversation, and revisit it in the future. As God's people, we are called to be doers of the Word (James 1:22-25). Too often, in church world, we have missed the importance of applying the Scripture. It may take some time, but be persistent in calling your group to apply God's Word.

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