

Confession = Cross

30 AD: The Jesus Story – Week 8

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Mark 8:27-38

Right Answer, Wrong Assumptions.

1. **Jesus didn't come to make your life _____
on _____.**

Mark 8:34

2. **Taking up a cross is to live in _____.**

Romans 6:11-14

3. **In order to take it up, you have to lay _____
down.**

Mark 8:35-38 Philippians 3:7-9

4. **It's a _____ undertaking and not a
_____ event.**

Romans 7:15-19

5. **Your _____ to carry your cross
comes from _____.**

Mark 8:34

GROWTH GROUP QUESTIONS

Mark 8:1-26

Please remember to bring your Bible and this sheet with you!

Warm up Question

How did your parents complete this sentence when you were a child: "How many times do I have to tell...?"

Into the Text

Compare and contrast this feeding of the four thousand with what is recorded in Mark 6:30-44. What's different? What's the same?

In light of all the miracles that Jesus already preformed, why would the Pharisee's demand a "sign from heaven"? How would they have responded if Jesus had provided one?

What does Jesus mean by his warning in verse 15? How does their "yeast" differ from Jesus' bread? Jesus highlighted the numbers "12" and "7" in his discussion with the disciples, is there any significance to those numbers? Explain.

Read verses 22-26. Why does Jesus take the man outside the city to heal him? What is Jesus' point on healing him in stages and not all at once?

God's Word for my Daily Life

Do you sometimes doubt Jesus' ability to meet your needs? How so?

How can you recognize the where the "yeast of the Pharisees and Herod" is still active today? How does it show in the way people relate to God. Give specific examples if able.

Agree/Disagree: It is possible for a Christian person to have a hardened heart towards God.

As for understanding Jesus, are you: Almost blind? Seeing blurred shapes? enjoying 20/20 vision? Explain.

Homework:

- *Read Mark chapter 9 and write down 3 questions you have about the chapter.*