

September 20, 2020 – Sermon Questions

Turning Point

Matthew 16:13-18, Mark 8:31-33, Matthew 16:24, Matthew 17:1-8

1. Last week, we learned about the heart and values of Jesus through the Sermon on the Mount. Over the past week, how have you sought to draw near to Christ and submit to His values?
2. Read Matthew 16:13-18 and Mark 8:31-33. After Jesus reveals to His disciples that He is the Christ, He informs them that He **must** suffer, die, and rise. Did this description meet the disciples' expectations of the Messiah? Why did He **have to** suffer, die, and rise?
3. In Mark 8:33, Jesus gives a stern rebuke to Peter. Why do you think He did so?
4. Read Matthew 16:24-27. What does Jesus mean when He says, "deny yourself and take up your cross and follow me"?
5. Denying yourself and taking up your cross leads to unconditionally following Christ. Do you have examples of unconditionally following Christ in your daily walk with God? Share those with the group.
6. Often times, we can settle for conditionally following Christ, and not submit every aspect of our lives to Him. What are some areas of your life that you often do not submit to Christ? Share these with your group.
7. Today we learned that intimacy with God requires experiences together and raw honesty. This week, as you seek to become like Christ in all of life, how can you pursue a deeper intimacy with God?