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## God Demands Controlling Interest

Mark 8:27-38



1. Meditate on Mark 8:27-38 and record any insights that the Spirit of God gives you:
  
2. A suffering Messiah must precede a conquering King! Mark structures his narrative in Mark 8, 9, and 10 around three predictions of Jesus' death and resurrection that He shared with His disciples. Each of the three segments of Scripture begin with a prediction of His death followed by the disciples' reaction which in turn is followed by a lesson on discipleship that Jesus taught. Read each of the following three passages and note the prediction by Jesus, the reaction of the disciples, and then the lesson on discipleship Jesus taught:
  - Mark 8:31-38
  - Mark 9:30-37
  - Mark 10:32-45
  
3. In Matthew 11:28-30 Jesus says, "Come to Me" and in Mark 8, 9 and 10 Jesus says, "Come after Me" (follow Me). According to Matthew 11:28-30, what does God desire after Coming to Jesus or what do the words of Jesus "Come after Me" entail?
  
4. In Mark 8:34,35 Jesus says to "deny yourself". What does that mean according to Pastor's sermon and your own study? After meditating on that command, read II Timothy 3:1-5 and write down how what Jesus is asking is quite opposite of what the world is giving:

Connection Card Next Steps: Memorize Mark 8:34,35

I surrender to Jesus' finished work on the cross and I want to become a follower/disciple of Christ today.

I re-commit to being a disciple of Christ by willingly denying myself, taking up my cross, and following Jesus in my day-to-day life.