

10. How might you seek joy in the midst of suffering for Jesus' sake?

What promises has God made to those who persevere until the end (see James 1:12, Galatians 6:9, and 2 Timothy 2:12)?

11. How might we as a group seek to encourage one another in the value of confessing the truth about Jesus in all of life, no matter the world's response?

Prayer Requests

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February 9, 2020  
**The Ultimate Question of Life**  
*Mark 8:27-38*

The setting: Caesarea Philippi

The questions:

Who do People say I am? Mark 8:27-28

Who do You say I am? Mark 8:29

1. Jesus is the Christ. Mark 8:29b-30

Jesus is His Name. Matthew 1:21

Christ is His Title. Isaiah 9:6-7

Matthew 16:13

Warning (Mark 8:30)

2. Jesus is the Suffering Christ Mark 8:31-33

The Christ must...

*You do not have in mind the things of God but the things of men*  
Mark 8:33b

3. Jesus is the Radical Christ Mark 8:34-38

Deny Yourself

Take Up Your Cross

Follow Jesus

The question still stands!

What is God saying to me this morning?

## GROWTH GROUP HOMEWORK

FEBRUARY 9, 2020

## THINKING THINGS THROUGH

1. Name some aspects of Christianity that clash with the way of the world.

2. How have you experienced the reality of Jesus' words in John 15:18 that the world would hate His disciples?

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READ JOHN 15:18-25

3. In verse 18, Jesus stated that the world would hate His disciples. Why is worldliness (living as though one belongs to the world) an enemy of discipleship?

4. Where in your own life do you see worldliness having the greatest impact?

How does growing in discipleship impact worldliness in your life?

How, specifically, have you seen this happen?

5. What is the relationship between Jesus' teaching in these verses and becoming more like Him as we live as His disciples?

6. How have you personally seen the world's hatred of Christianity or Christians increased over your lifetime?

Has this hatred ever been directed toward you? Explain.

7. If the world never opposes us, what does that tell us about the degree of worldliness in our lives? Explain.

How does our reaction to those who oppose us serve as a testimony for or against Jesus' power and grace in us?

READ JOHN 15:26-27

8. Why would Jesus' words regarding the Holy Spirit be a comfort to His disciples in the context of His warning about persecution?

In this regard, how is He a comfort for us today?

9. Why is testifying for Jesus so important in the world in which we live?

How does focusing on this mission help us fight back against the enemies of our personal growth and discipleship?