SERMON HANDOUT **Mark 8:31-38** The Serious Call of Discipleship 4-29-2018

**The Gospel:** The work of God in Christ-

To reconcile man to Himself-

By grace alone, through faith alone in Christ alone.[[1]](#footnote-1)

Structure of passage:

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| **Disciple** | **Present Life Choice** | **Eternal Outcome** |
| **Deny** themselves v34 | Losing one’s life 35 | Saves one’s life 35 |
| Take up their **cross** 34 | For Jesus sake 35 | Life & life Abundant Jn 10:10 |
| **Follow** Jesus 34 | For the gospel’s sake 35 | Gloried in by Christ 38 |
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| **Non- Disciple** | **Present Life Choice** | **Eternal Outcome** |
| Not **Deny** themselves v34 | Saving’s one’s life 35 | Lose one’s life 35 |
| Not take up their **cross** 34 | Gain the whole world 36 | Forfeit one’s soul 36 |
| Not **Follow** Jesus 34 | Ashamed of Jesus 38 | Ashamed of by Jesus 38 |

**1. Following Jesus is always rooted in what He has first done for us.**

**2. Following Jesus is radically different than living for ourselves**.

**3. Following Jesus is following Him with our entire life.**

Following Jesus is not to be an add on. He is to be integrated into our whole life experience.

a.) What’s this look like personally?

b.) What’s this look like at church?

1. Read the passage when the sermon notice comes out.
2. Ask God to help you understand it / Read before and after to get some context.
3. Pray for God to work through our lives and our gathering on Sundays
4. Pray for powerful working of the Holy Spirit’s presence as we are gathered
5. Pray for whoever is preaching
6. Listen to Him addressing you Sunday after Sunday thru his word.
7. Ask God to help you apply the passage in the week to come
8. One bit of truth to one bit of life.
9. We come together to be with one another- stirring, encouraging one another, praying with one another
10. Identify with each other - fellow disciples!
11. Grow in your love of worshiping God – individually and corporately
12. Ask God to give you a word, a passage or even song!
13. Celebrate the great work of the gospel together, celebrate Jesus.

c. What’s this look like at Home?

1. Imitating Jesus in all our various roles
2. living to love, serve, care for, be merciful to others
3. Looking to the interest of others
4. Being intentional in our parenting
5. Being intentional in our marriages

d. What’s this look like at work/vocation?

1. We work as unto the Lord, for his glory
2. We allow him to be present in the midst of our daily challenges and struggles
3. We pay attention for opportunities to be salt and light
4. With our mouths we seek to encourage and build up and the givers of grace with our words
5. We going to the world as Jesus is disciples and ambassadors.
6. Looking for opportunities to represent Jesus.

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