

Study Guide

Mark 8:31-9:13

1. Have you ever had your expectations of something blown out of the water? Oh, please tell. What expectations did you bring to the Christian experience? Did any of that change over time?
2. Read Mark 8:31-33. Discuss the shock effect for the disciples. Why do you think Jesus was so hard on Peter (*"Get behind me Satan"*)? Do we ever think satanically?
3. Read Mark 8:34. Discuss what these points mean to you day to day.
 - a. *"Deny yourself"*
 - b. *"Take up your cross"*
 - c. *"Follow me"*
4. Read Mark 8:35-38. Discuss together the meaning of the exchange:
"Save your life and lose it" or "lose your life and save it."
5. Read Mark 9:1-13. Describe little glimpses of the glory of heaven. How does this help us be more willing to *"die"* to ourselves on earth?

Application

Pray for the willingness to be committed followers of Christ.

Ask God to open our eyes to understand what that means for us on a day-to-day basis.

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A. Die (private teaching) Mark 8:31-33

³¹And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."

A. Die (public teaching) Mark 8:34+

“And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.

1. Deny yourself (choice)

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2. Take up your cross (cost)

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The Art of Being a Bigshot- Howard Butt

It is my pride that makes me independent of God. It's appealing to me to feel that I am the master of my fate, that I run my own life, call my own shots, go it alone. But, that feeling is my basic dishonesty. I can't go it alone. I have to get help from other people, and I can't ultimately rely on myself. I'm dependent on God for my very next breath. It is dishonest of me to pretend that I'm anything but a man -- small, weak, and limited. So, living independent of God is self-delusion. It is not just a matter of pride being an unfortunate little trait, and humility being an attractive little virtue; it's my inner psychological integrity that's at stake. When I am conceited, I am lying to myself about what I am. I am pretending to be God, and not man. My pride is the idolatrous worship of myself. And that is the national religion of Hell!

Rom. 1:16- "For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes."

1. Deny yourself (choice)

2. Take up your cross (cost)

3. Follow me (course)

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B. Die to Live (The Exchange) Mark 8:35-38

³⁵For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. ³⁶For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? ³⁷For what can a man give in return for his soul?³⁸For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

B. Die to Live (The Glory) Mark 9:1-8

And he said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the kingdom of God after it has come with power." ²And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³and his clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them.⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus.⁵And Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." ⁶For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, "This is my beloved Son; listen to him." ⁸And suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them but Jesus only.

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1. Radiant
2. Eternal
3. Glorious

B. Die to Live (The Impact) Mark 9:9-13

⁹And as they were coming down the mountain, he charged them to tell no one what they had seen, until the Son of Man had risen from the dead. ¹⁰So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what this rising from the dead might mean.¹¹And they asked him, "Why do the scribes say that first Elijah must come?"¹²And he said to them, "Elijah does come first to restore all things. And how is it written of the Son of Man that he should suffer many things and be treated with contempt? ¹³But I tell you that Elijah has come, and they did to him whatever they pleased, as it is written of him."

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