

PREACHING CURRICULUM

SIMPLY FOLLOWING JESUS – MARK 8:22-30

TRUTH CONCEALED

Jesus asked His disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" This all-important question has resounded down through the ages. How do you respond?

1 REVIEW THE SERMON

LEADER NOTES: Encourage your members to pull out their notes and review the main points of the sermon. (9-12 mins)

Read Mark 8:22-26. In what ways did Jesus show His love and compassion for the blind man?

Earlier, Jesus refused to perform a miraculous sign for the Pharisees (*see Mark 8:11-13*). Why did Jesus perform a miracle of healing for the blind man? _____

Read Mark 8:27-30. What does it mean for Jesus to be the Christ (or the Messiah)? What do the titles 'Christ' and 'Messiah' signify? _____

2 ASSESS YOUR LIFE

LEADER NOTES: Evaluate the condition of your lives in relation to the truth from God's Word. Encourage heart examination. (12-15 mins)

What is your answer to Jesus' question '*Who do you say I am?*'? When you think of Jesus, what comes to your mind?

Do you love Jesus for who He is in Himself, or merely because He does things for you? How would you know the difference?

Does your view of Jesus change when there is a delay in healing, answered prayer, etc.? Do you view these times as opportunities for growth in your faith? _____

3 APPLY THE TRUTH

LEADER NOTES: Create a list of ways to close the gap between your lives and the truth of the Bible. Be practical and intentional. (12-15 mins)

As Peter confessed, Jesus truly is the Christ! What implications does this have for your life? What would your life look like if you deeply believed that it is true? _____

In what ways can you increasingly delight in Jesus for who He is in Himself, our Messiah and King? _____

4 COMMIT THIS WEEK

LEADER NOTES: Call your small group members to make a commitment and get the group working together to follow-up with each other. (9-12)

How will you live in light of Jesus' authority as the Christ this week? Are there any specific changes or adjustments which need to be made in your actions, words, or attitudes?