

God Does Things His Way.

Scripture: Mark 8:22-9:1

Also: Mark 10:45; Psalm 115:3; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11

Questions

1. What has challenged you, changed you or confused you from this week's sermon or the Scriptures in it?
 2. Read Mark 8:22-9:1. The main point of the sermon was: God has his way of working because his ways are better than any human mind could understand, and the three sub-points were:
 - o God Works In Us His Way
 - o God Saves Us His Way
 - o God Calls Us To Follow His Way
 3. What objections have you had to God's authority in your life (thus disrespecting His place as the Ultimate Sovereign)?
 4. How would you respond if someone objects to the statement: "Jesus does not ask us for a lot; Jesus asks for everything"? Why? Have you ever wrestled with that thought/feeling?
 - o How is Jesus' call to discipleship radical?
 - o How have we watered-down (or made less radical) what Jesus calls for in the Bible?
 5. How would you answer a child who asked, "Why does it say Jesus must suffer, die, and rise again?" How would you answer that if a family member or friend asked you?
 6. How does the world entice you to live a self-centered life?
 7. Compare these two sayings:
 - o "The safe life must be put to death."
 - o "The safest place to be is in the middle of God's will."
 - o What is the definition of "safe" in each phrase?
 8. Read Mark 8:31-33. Jesus had to rebuke a close friend who essentially said, "Surely God doesn't want you to face this hard thing." Sometimes suffering is the very means God is using to help us develop.
 - o Have you ever had to exercise caution because a friend gave you that kind of counsel?
 - o Have you ever given that kind of counsel?
- ***Ask the Holy Spirit to help you see blind spots that you may have when it comes to comfort, discipleship, and suffering.***