



Week 1

Text: Matthew 20:26–28; Mark 8:31–33

Topic(s): Sacrifice, Cross, Ransom, Death

Big Idea of the Message: Jesus called his disciples to accept that his death was necessary, and its purpose was to redeem all humanity.

Application Point: We cannot consider the death of Jesus without accepting that our need was the reason for it.

Discussion Questions:

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
2. As you read Mark 8:31–33, how do the words of Jesus give you confidence that he knew what was going to happen to him?
3. Why do you think Peter resisted the idea of Jesus dying? What would that have meant for Peter?
4. If you were in Peter's shoes, how would you have responded? Be honest.
5. Read Mark 9:31 and 10:33–34. Why do you think Jesus continues to speak to the disciples of what was coming, and why was this important for Jesus to repeat?
6. Why do we sometimes struggle, like Peter did, to accept God's plan? What are we most afraid of in those times? How can we learn to better trust God's plan, as Jesus did?
7. How might you use this season to gain trust in God's plan?
8. How can we pray for you?